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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Border Trouble

In fact, the Chinese Communists are undertaking a full-scale military enterprise against Burma. It is a matter of very serious concern. Certainly the signatories to the SEATO pact could not remain indifferent. Analysis of the reports to hand, however, indicates that no major offensive has as yet been launched.

It is true that "several hundred" Chinese troops are reported to have intruded into Burmese territory. Nevertheless, they appear to be spread over a 600-mile front, part of which is an area between Burma and China where the borders remain undelineated.

Ever since the Chinese civil war, Burma has been plagued by the illegal movements of Chinese soldiery across parts of her frontier. At one time it was Chinese Nationalist troops which indulged in forays, and since the establishment of the Peking regime there have been a number of similar incidents against which Burma has had to lodge protests with the Communist Chinese government.

The Burmese government is said to be taking a grave view of the latest "invasion," but it is not yet clear whether the Burmese reaction is engendered by the extent of the Chinese operation or because it represents a total disregard of previous Peking assurances against repetition.

THIS new violation of Burmese territory may represent the antics of irresponsible local military leaders who are physically so far removed from Peking that they consider themselves at liberty to engage in this type of adventure. If such be the case the Chinese government has a very clear duty to bring such elements under rigid control. Peking cannot evade its responsibilities by placing the blame for border incidents on local soldiery.

This apart it is clear that if further frontier trouble is to be avoided, the whole of the Burma-China border must be clearly delineated. At present there is a 50-mile strip of "any man's land," the existence of which must tend to aggravate relations between the Burmese and Chinese in the zone. Sovereignty over the particular area is in dispute but it should not be beyond the wit of the Burmese and Chinese leaders to reach a definite and binding agreement on its border delineation. This done, and much of the cause for current friction would be removed.

Illustrious Laker

CRICKETERS and followers of the game throughout the world will applaud with delight, not unmingled with awe, the stupendous bowling achievement of Jim Laker, the Surrey and England spinner in the fourth Test against Australia.

Laker established a number of new records, the most unique being the taking of all ten wickets in Australia's second innings and 19 wickets for the whole match. Yet the real merit of Laker's performance was his sustained accuracy on a wicket which, while at times difficult, never became really vicious.

Laker has one more Test bowling record to break, that of Bedser's 39 wickets for a whole series. He is as certain as anything can be of achieving this and big-hearted Bedser undoubtedly will be in haste to begrudge him that triumph. But whatever happens at the Oval, the principal individual honours for the 1956 Test matches will unanimously be awarded to Jim Laker.

♦ **Army, Royal Navy Alerted** ♦ **Dulles Flies To UK** ♦ **US Freezes Egypt's Assets**

BRITAIN & AMERICA GET TOUGH

Suez Canal Crisis Coming To A Head: Showdown Near

STAND-BY ORDERS TO ARMY, NAVY

London, July 31. Britain tonight took action to build up its land and sea forces in the eastern Mediterranean as Mr John Foster Dulles flew to London from Washington for the climax of Western talks on the Suez Canal crisis.

The War Office announced it was taking "certain precautionary measures" to strengthen Britain's position in the area. The brief statement, on which officials refused to elaborate, followed a similarly terse Admiralty announcement that "certain Naval moves have been ordered."

But according to United Press, the High Command ordered a fleet build-up at both ends of the Suez Canal and made ready to fly a small army of up to 20,000 reinforcements into the Mediterranean.

In south coast ports tonight it was learned that the crews of aircraft carriers Bulwark, Ocean and Theseus and the cruiser Glasgow had been ordered to stand-by for possible emergency sailing to the Mediterranean.

House To Be Told

In the Mediterranean today another aircraft carrier, Eagle, arrived from Naples to join the cruiser Jamaica at Cyprus. Britain's Middle East headquarters. The Daily Mail reported that 20,000 reserves, mainly army men, were to be called up as a precautionary measure and that Sir Anthony Eden would give details of their mobilisation to the House of Commons tomorrow.

The War Office refused to confirm or deny the report. The newspaper said the decision to call up the men—regular soldiers who have promised to stand-by for emergencies—was taken at a meeting of Service Chiefs today.

May Go It Alone

The Daily Express political correspondent, Derek Marks, says Britain is prepared to go it alone and is determined to stand for no more trouble in the Suez Canal. He says this is the explanation behind yesterday's decision by the Cabinet to order full naval and military preparations for the occupation of the Canal should it be necessary.

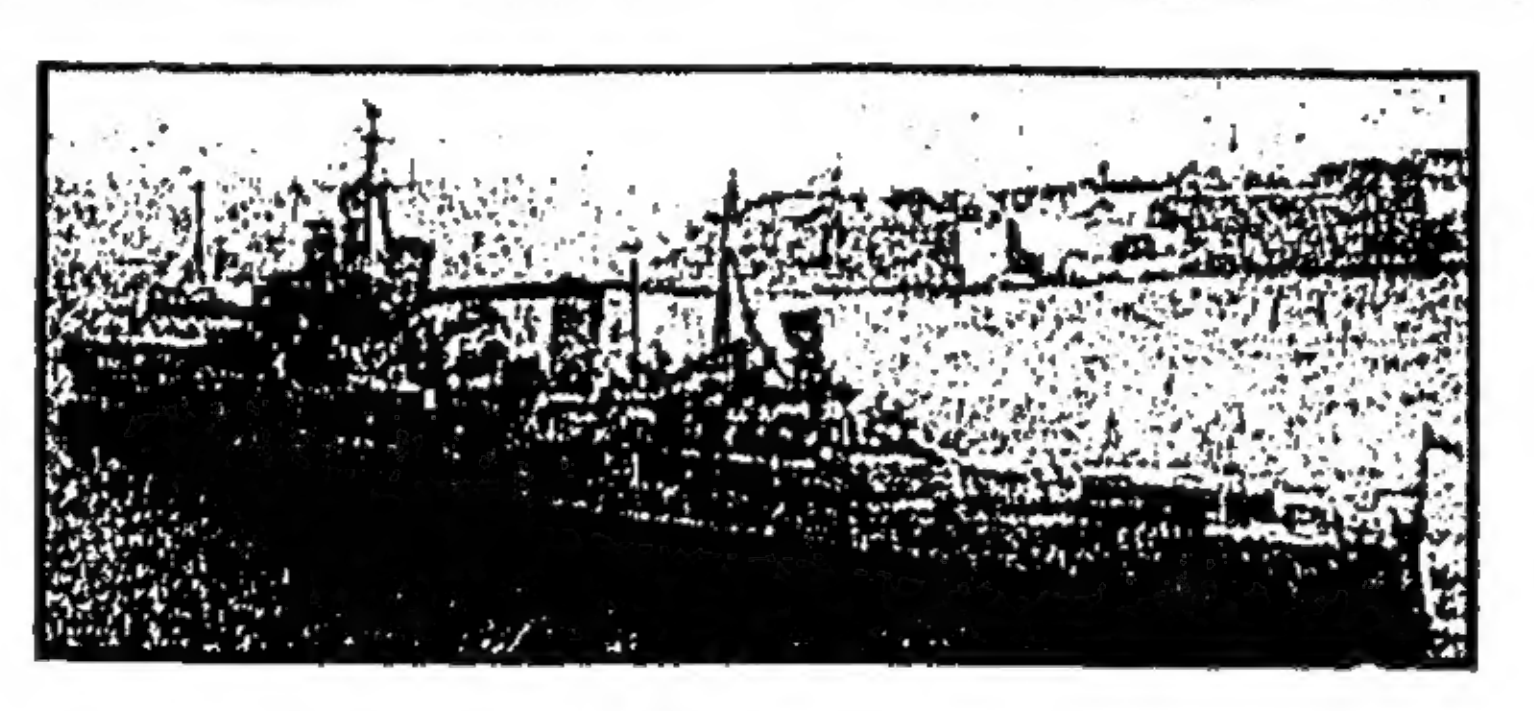
Marks adds: "I am informed that among the measures taken have been the drawing up of plans to transfer British troops from Germany to the Middle East. There are already 20,000 British troops in Cyprus."

As the crisis atmosphere over Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal mounted in London, Sir Anthony Eden conferred with his ministers in almost continuous session from the afternoon until late tonight.

The Prime Minister postponed his plans to leave for a holiday in Malta later this week. The meetings between Britain, France and the United States, on the canal—which had been going on since Sunday—were suddenly adjourned until tomorrow morning for the United States Secretary of State to attend.

An immediate outcome of the meeting between Mr. Dulles and the British and French (Contd. on back page, Col. 1)

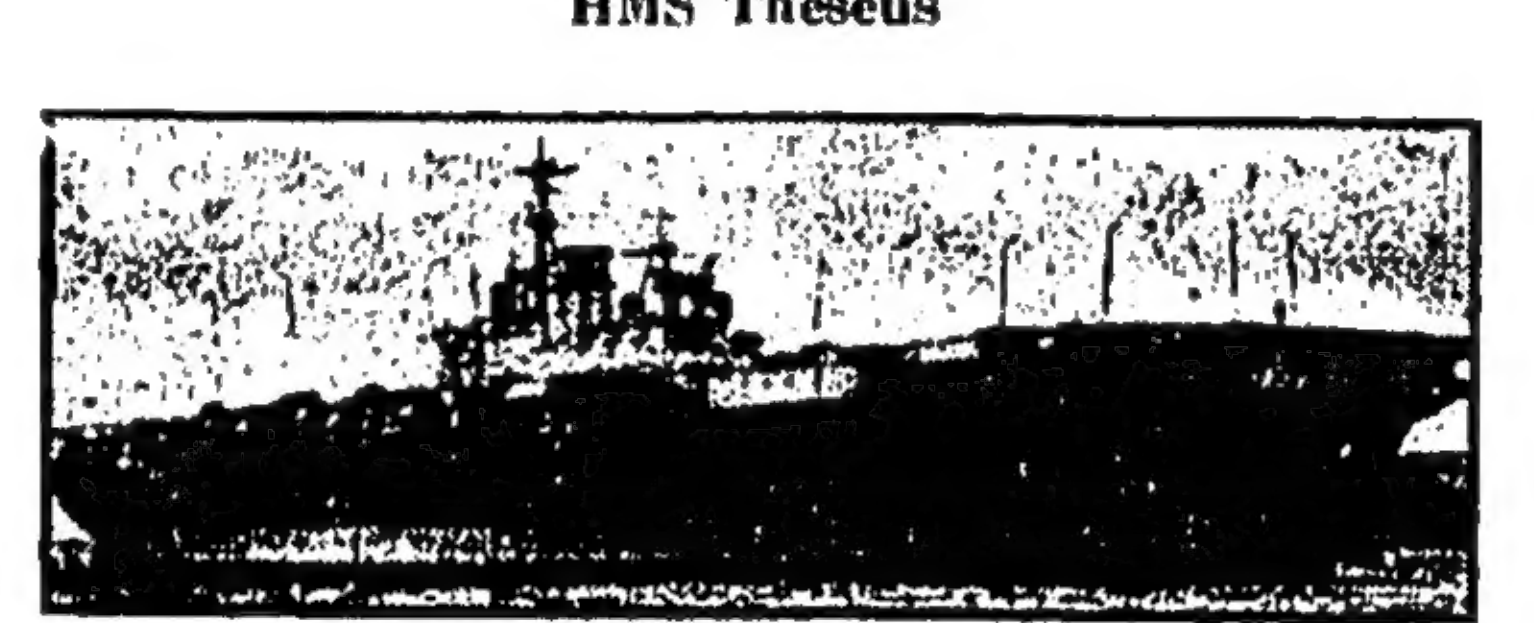
Royal Navy Ships In The News



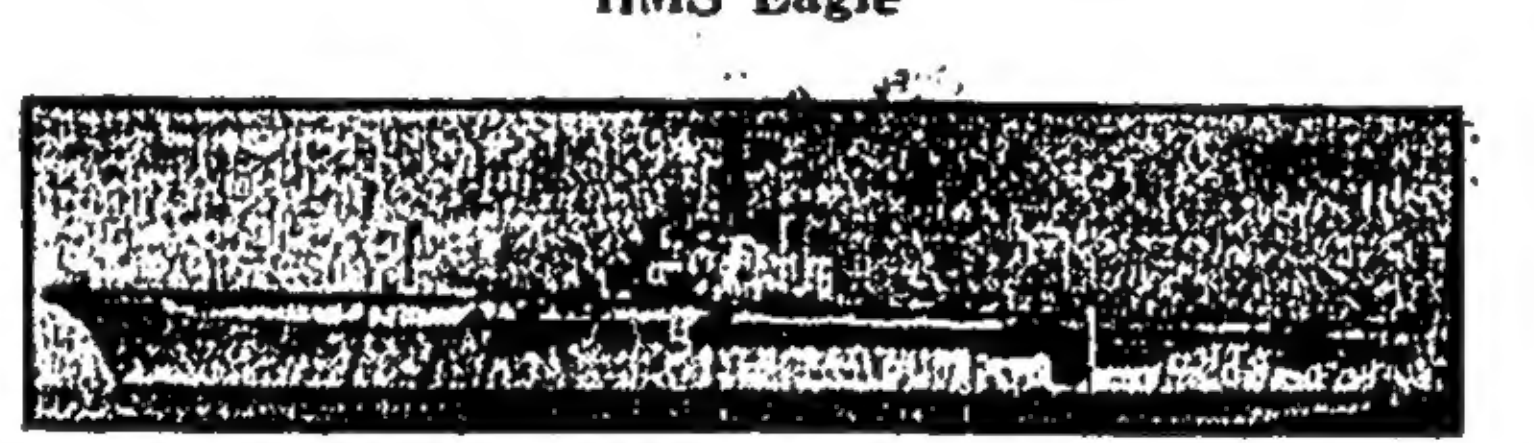
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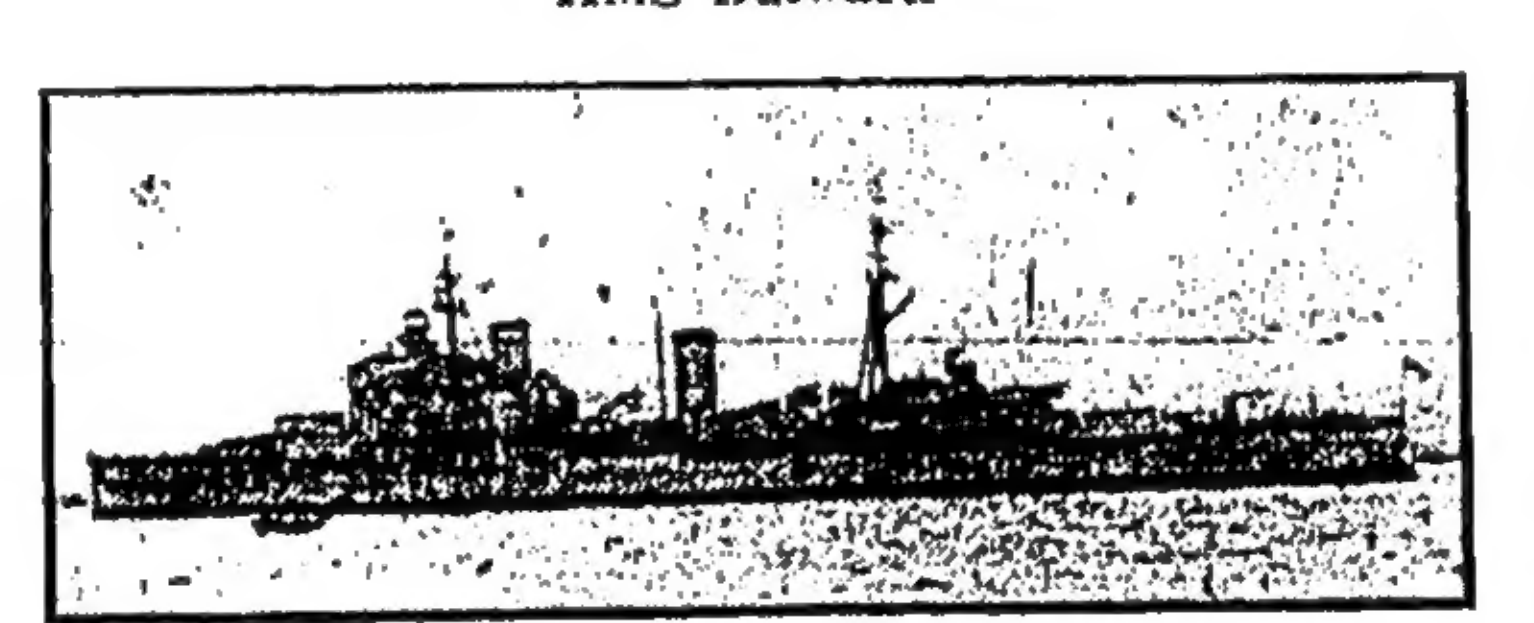
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HMS Ocean

'Goodwill Ships Only' Says Egypt

Cairo, July 31. Major Ali Sabri, Chief of President Nasser's political Cabinet, said today "Egypt will not admit the presence of foreign warships in Suez Canal ports except on goodwill visits."

He was replying to newspapermen's questions after handing them President Nasser's declaration on the status of the Suez Canal.

Major Sabri had been asked if Egypt accepted the application of Article VII of the Convention of Constantinople of 1888 which said: "The powers will not keep any warships in the waters of the Canal. However, in the ports of Port Said and Suez which give access to the Canal, they can station warships whose number should not exceed two for each power. This right could not be exercised by belligerents."

Major Sabri declined to say what he understood by "goodwill visits". All he would say was: "For what other reason could Egypt imagine that foreign warships should come to her port?"

Major Sabri denied that employees of the Canal had ever been compelled in any way whatever to remain at their posts and fulfil their functions.

The presence of soldiers and armed police around the company's offices was "a simple measure of surveillance like that carried out by the police around public buildings," Major Sabri said.—France-Press.

'Simple Measure'

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EGYPTIAN ASSETS FROZEN IN AMERICA

Washington, July 31. The United States today froze all assets in this country of the Egyptian Government and the Suez Canal Company.

Treasury spokesmen had no immediate estimate of the funds involved, but they said the order meant that neither the Egyptian Government nor the Suez Canal Company—or its new Egyptian management board—would be able to spend, withdraw or otherwise "change the status" of any of their assets held in the United States, without a licence.

The Treasury took this action under a statute dating back to World War I.

Diplomatic sources said the move followed the example set by the British action in blocking Egypt's sterling balances and Suez Canal Company assets in Britain. France, too, has taken similar action.

MUCH SMALLER

These sources said the funds that would be blocked in the United States were "very much smaller" than those frozen in Britain and France.

But the move announced as Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State flew to London to join in three-power talks, was expected to be welcomed in France and Britain as further evidence of Western solidarity in meeting the challenge of Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal.

The brief announcement said the Egyptian Government and Canal Company assets had been placed under temporary licensing controls, which would remain in force "pending determination of the ownership of these assets and clarification of the existing situation."

The statement said its action "does not in any way affect private Egyptian funds."—Reuter.

Debate In Commons

London, July 31. A debate, requested by the Opposition on the Suez Canal situation will be held in the House of Commons tomorrow and last for two hours, the Leader of the House, Mr R. A. Butler announced today.—France-Press.

SHIPPERS TOLD: PAY COMPANY

London, July 31. The General Council of British shipping tonight advised shipowners to continue paying transit dues to the Suez Canal Company and not the Egyptian authorities.

Owners who experienced difficulties in getting their ships through the Canal should seek further advice from the Council.

A Council statement said in view of the "uncertainty" of the situation, ships should have enough stores and fresh water to reach the next convenient port.

It was for individual owners to decide in any particular case whether or not they should route their vessels around the Cape of Good Hope.

The International Chamber of Shipping is to meet tomorrow in London to study the problems to navigation created by Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal.—Reuter and France-Press.

National Service Vote

London, July 31. The House of Commons tonight rejected by 308 votes to 240 a Labour opposition proposal that the Government should work out a four-year plan to end National Service.—Reuter.

DULLES FLIES TO LONDON

Washington, July 31. The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, flew to London today at short notice to join British and French leaders in talks on the Suez Canal crisis.

Before leaving he was asked by reporters whether there was any urgency in his departure on the basis of reports from the United States representative now in the talks, Mr Robert Murphy, the deputy Under-Secretary of State.

He replied: "You may draw your own conclusions."

He declined to say whether he was taking with him any plan toward solving the problems created by Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal last Thursday.

But he said he expected to be back in the United States "in a day or two."

Sudden?

Mr Dulles was asked whether his sudden departure reflected a change of plan.

He replied that he had had no plan to go to London "up to 11 o'clock this morning."

Mr Dulles looked serious as he stepped from his car at the airport.

He said before boarding his plane: "I had a discussion with the President this morning about the matters which are being considered in London by the Foreign Ministers of Britain and France with reference to Egypt and the Suez Canal."

"As a result of that discussion the President thought it was advisable that I should go over to take part in those proceedings," he said.—Reuter.

MASSACRE OF CHINESE IN TIBET

KHAMBA TRIBESMEN TURN ON INVADERS IN PEACE TALKS

Katmandu, July 31. Reports reaching Nepal today from isolated Tibet said a horde of Khamba tribesmen turned on "several hundred unarmed" Chinese soldiers during a "peace" conference and slaughtered every one of them.

According to the dispatches from the Tibetan capital of Lhasa, the Khamba tribesmen in the wild Kham region agreed to join peace talks initiated by the Chinese in their efforts to quell a series of revolts.

It was reported that the Khamba tribes were so active against Chinese forces that the Chinese bombed the area by plane several months ago.

The Chinese disarmed several hundred troops and gathered them at a conference. While the Chinese and the tribal leaders were discussing peace, the reports said, a swarm of Khambas suddenly rose up and butchered the Chinese.

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Sen. Kefauver Backs Out, Backs Adlai

Washington, July 31. Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee withdrew today as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination and urged his supporters to back Mr Adlai Stevenson.

Senator Kefauver said that since the primary elections for the election of convention delegates, he had "realistically" surveyed the situation and had decided to withdraw in favour of Stevenson, the party's unsuccessful nominee in 1952.

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AIRMAN WHO TOLD H-BOMB SECRET HELD

Washington, July 31. The Air Force today announced that Airman Jackson Kilgore had been arrested for allegedly leaking the information that the Hydrogen Bomb dropped on Bikini on May 21 missed its target.

An Air Force spokesman said Kilgore, 21, was arrested at Eniwetok, centre of the Pacific Atomic Proving Ground, after he admitted giving the information in violation of Air Force regulations regarding confidential information.

The air force said Kilgore was arrested after completion of an investigation into published reports on June 15 that an unidentified nuclear test technician had told civilians that the bomb had missed its target.—Reuter.

Gnat Crashes

London, July 31. The prototype of the small British "Gnat" jet fighter crashed in Wiltshire today while on a low altitude test flight. The test pilot escaped.—France-Press.

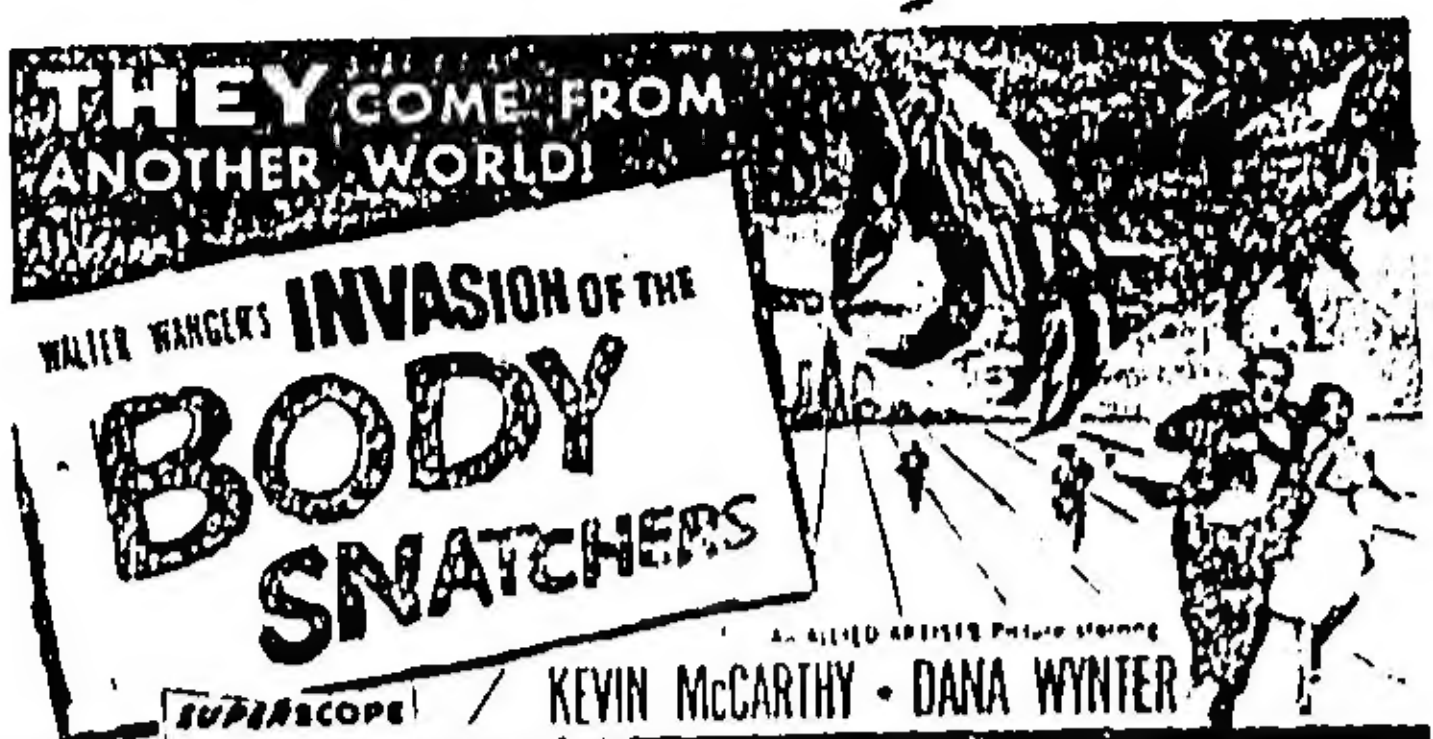
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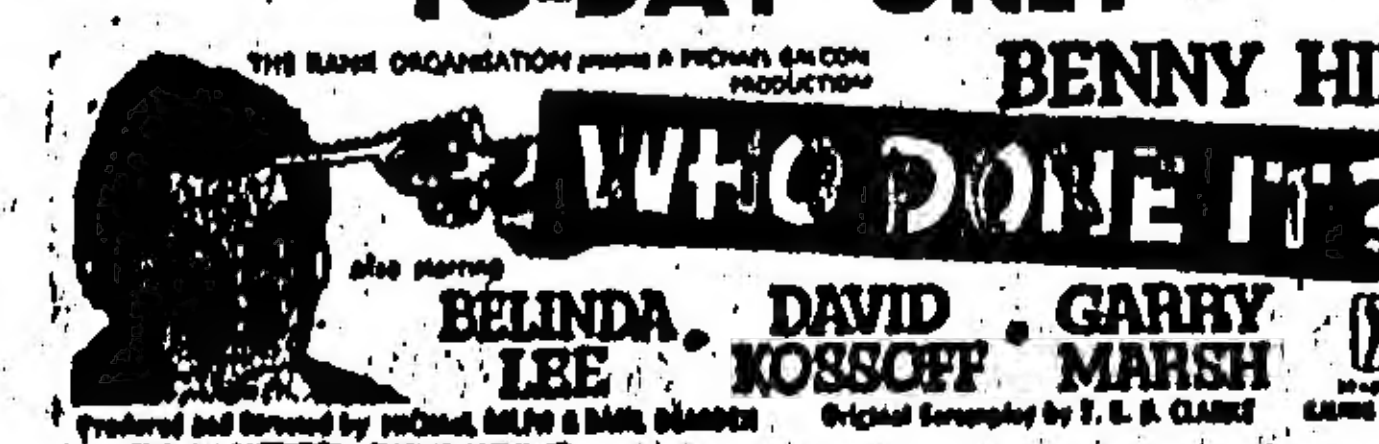
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FIGHTER ATTACKS ON REBELS

45-Man Band Pinned Down In Nementcha Mountains: Troops Rushed To Scene

Algiers, July 31.

French fighter planes, flying in relays, kept a 45-man rebel band nailed to the ground for hours today while ground forces rushed up to encircle and annihilate it.

The action took place in the Nementcha Mountains, approximately 65 miles south of Constantine.



A party of anti-Communist passengers recently attacked and overpowered the crew of a Hungarian civil airliner, landing at an American-controlled airfield in West Germany. The anti-Communist, six men and a girl, were students who have applied for asylum in Germany. The crew of the aircraft and the remaining passengers recently returned to Hungary, where one of them injured in the fight gives a radio report of the incident on his arrival. Express Photo.

Mossadeq May Be Released Sunday

Teheran, July 31.

Dr Mohammed Mossadeq, former Persian Premier who nationalised the Abadan oil refinery and was sentenced to three years' solitary confinement for plotting to overthrow the monarchy, is expected to be released from prison on Sunday.

Mossadeq, who during his trial in December 1953 and his birth is reported to be between 75 and 80. He does not drink or smoke and is said to be in excellent health.

His mansion in Teheran, only a stone's throw from the Shah's Palace, was wrecked and looted during the wild riots which accompanied the young Premier's fall from power in August 1953.

His vast country estate, Ahmadsabad, about 60 miles west of here, is now up for sale.

Swiss Villa

Mossadeq's family owns a villa between Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland, and if he decides, or is obliged, to leave Persia, this would probably be his retreat.

A decision on whether or not he is to be banished from Persia must soon be announced.

The final word rests with 38-year-old Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi who was forced to flee to Rome in 1953 as a result of Mossadeq's policies.

Members of the old monarch's family say that Mossadeq had not asked for a passport. They presume that he would prefer to remain in Persia, even if there were restrictions on his liberty.

It is quite clear that Mossadeq will not be allowed to return to politics, but he is not a forgotten man in Persia today.

Many people here still revered him as a leader who came closer than anyone since Reza Shah, the present monarch's father, in realising Persia's national aspirations.

Others regard Mossadeq as a highly dangerous and subversive figure who ruined the country financially and almost led it into the Communist camp.

Military Prison

Mossadeq has spent his time in a military prison outside Teheran pursuing studies of world history, engineering, law and medicine.

Visitors to Mossadeq's cell have seen his bed laden with notes and manuscripts. Mossadeq has always claimed that his trial by military court was unconstitutional. He contends that Premiers and Cabinet ministers have the right of trial by jury in the Supreme Civil Court. — China Mail Special.



MOSSADEQ

US ARMS AID FOR THAILAND

Bangkok, July 31.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, has promised to recommend to the United States Government that it supply Thailand with 60 F-86 jet planes and three warships, the Thai Deputy Premier and Marshal of the Thai Air Force, Field Marshal Phibul Songkhro, stated today. — France-Press.

REVENGE

Athens, July 31.

Thirty-year-old John Barberis was arrested by the police after burning all the furniture and clothing of his ex-lover, 23-year-old Athena Vreka, in the Phaeus.

Barberis told the police that this was his revenge because Athena had spurned his love. — China Mail Special.

Cyprus Jams Cairo Radio Broadcasts

London, July 31.

A communique from the British Colonial Office announced today that Cairo radio's Greek-language broadcasts to Cyprus have been jammed since Saturday, July 28.

"They are too much like the Athens radio," an official spokesman said.

The communique stated that British Ambassador, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, had spoken to the Egyptian authorities about the broadcasts on July 15. The Ambassador said the broadcasts were an incitement to armed resistance against the British, and that their continuation in this tone would be detrimental to the improvement of Anglo-Egyptian relations, advocated by the Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, the communique said.

The British Ambassador was notified that the anti-British tone of the broadcasts would be modified in the future, but despite these assurances the hostile tone of the broadcasts was continued, the communique said. The broadcasts have therefore been jammed in Cyprus since July 28. — France-Press.

Thirty-three of the rebels were killed and another 12 taken prisoner. French losses were said to be light.

The band was spotted at day-break slipping through a defile toward the Tunisian border.

Team of propeller-driven fighters, blasting away at anything that moved on the ground, kept the band riveted to the spot while truck-borne infantrymen were rushed to the place.

Ten Others

Ten other rebels were killed during a military action at Beni Khaloun, 35 miles south-east of here, military authorities reported.

Ammunition, rifles, pistol, explosives and equipment were captured by the French.

French losses were said to be small.

In other local actions, French troops seized several weapons and mines in the mountainous Kabylie country, where 20 suspects were arrested.

In the Constantine Department, four rebels were killed, while near the port of Bougie.

'BAIL' FOR CYCLISTS

New Delhi, July 31.

Delhi police have decided to demand a surety from cyclists caught violating traffic regulations to make sure that they give the right names and addresses.

During May this year only 985 out of 7,000 cyclists stopped by the police appeared in court. The rest gave false names and addresses. — China Mail Special.

Stassen Continues With Dump Nixon Campaign

Washington, July 31.

Harold E. Stassen today renewed his dump-Nixon drive with a challenge to Republican Party leaders to "punish me if you wish."

Speaking out for the first time since he was given a four-week leave of absence from President Eisenhower's Cabinet, Stassen said he had "expected" to bring down the wrath of the GOP organisation, leaders on his head when he set out to disrupt their "well-laid plans for a cut and dried convention."

He said he is ready to accept political "punishment," but he will keep on warning his party that Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's name "will detract millions of votes" from the GOP ticket this autumn.

Not Denied

In a speech prepared for delivery before the National Press Club, Stassen said that in all the "barrage of high level criticism" which fellow Republicans have fired at him, "no one has denied" his basic premises that Nixon would be a liability to the ticket if renominated as President Eisenhower's running mate.

Neither, said Stassen, has any GOP leader denied that Stassen's choice for Vice President, Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts, is "a man of greater experience and proven ability."

Unlike Nixon, he said, Herter is "not a controversial figure and will not detract" from President Eisenhower's "very broad popularity."

Return To Job

The White House said Stassen's speech was not submitted to President Eisenhower in advance for approval.

Although Stassen said he expected to return to his job after the convention, some highly-placed White House associates believed—and frankly hoped—that he was leaving the administration team for good.

These men, some of them close to President Eisenhower, said that even if Stassen is re-admitted to his disarming job, steps will be taken to reduce his prominence, influence and authority in the administration. — United Press.

MENZIES TO CONFER ON SUEZ

Washington, July 31.

Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, arrived here by air today for talks with United States leaders amid a flurry of urgent diplomatic moves on the Suez crisis.

Mr Menzies said as he stepped from his plane that there were some "very acute" problems to talk over with United States leaders.

In reply to a question he added: "The Suez is well in my mind but I won't make a statement about it every day."

Mr Menzies said: "Whenever I come to Washington we have some problems to discuss and this time, as there is no need to tell you, there are some very acute ones."

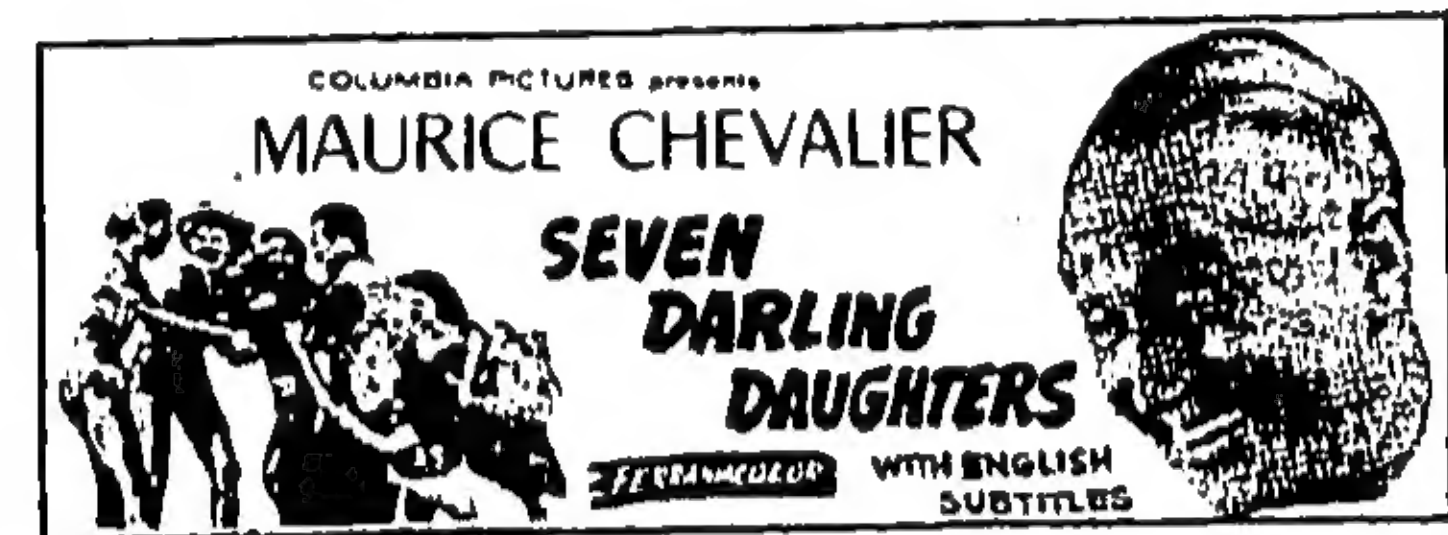
Mr Walter Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, who greeted Mr Menzies at the airport, said to the Prime Minister: "We are most grateful for your help."

Though United States officials declined to elucidate Mr Robertson's remark was taken to be in consultation with Mr Menzies, consultations with both Britain and the United States on the Suez crisis. — Reuter.

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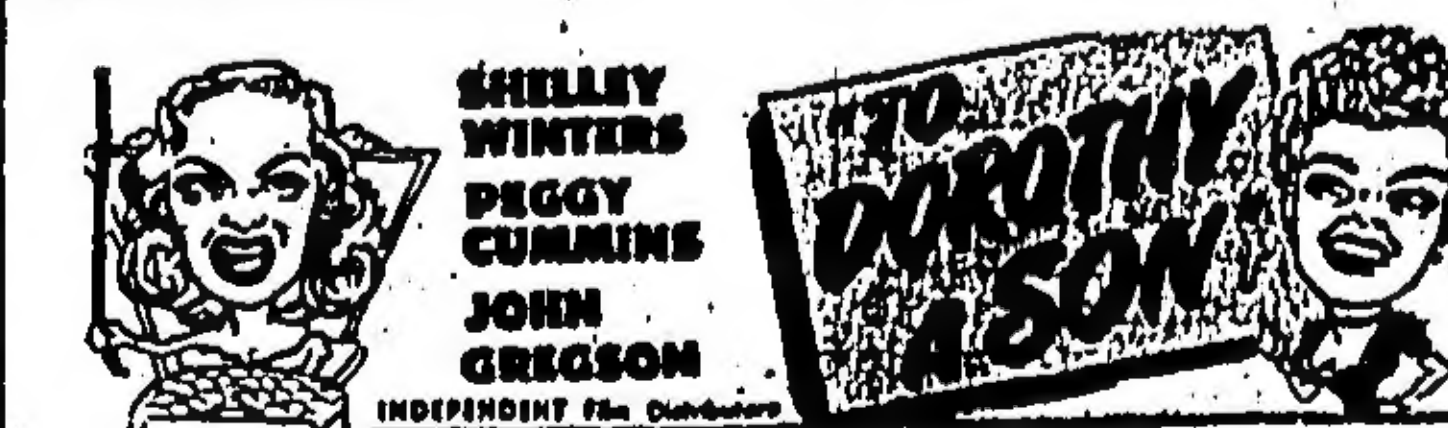
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Democrats Exaggerate Soviet Military Capabilities



ADM. RADFORD

RADFORD SATISFIED WITH PRESENT PROGRAMME

Washington, July 31.

Admiral Arthur Radford charges that Democratic critics of administration defence policies have been making "an almost hysterical assumption" about Soviet military capabilities.

While Russia has a "growing nuclear power," Admiral Radford said the present administration defence programme was "sound" and "adequate."

Sino-Soviet Climbers Successful

Paris, July 31.

The Sino-Soviet expedition today successfully reached the summit of Mount Mazung, 7,546 metres high, the highest peak in the Sino-Soviet border at 1100 (local time), the New China News Agency reported.

The Chinese and Soviet national flags are now fluttering on the summit. The 10 Soviet and 12 Chinese climbers have taken six days to reach the top from their base camp at 4,000 metres. They spent their nights in camps set up at five different altitudes, the agency said.

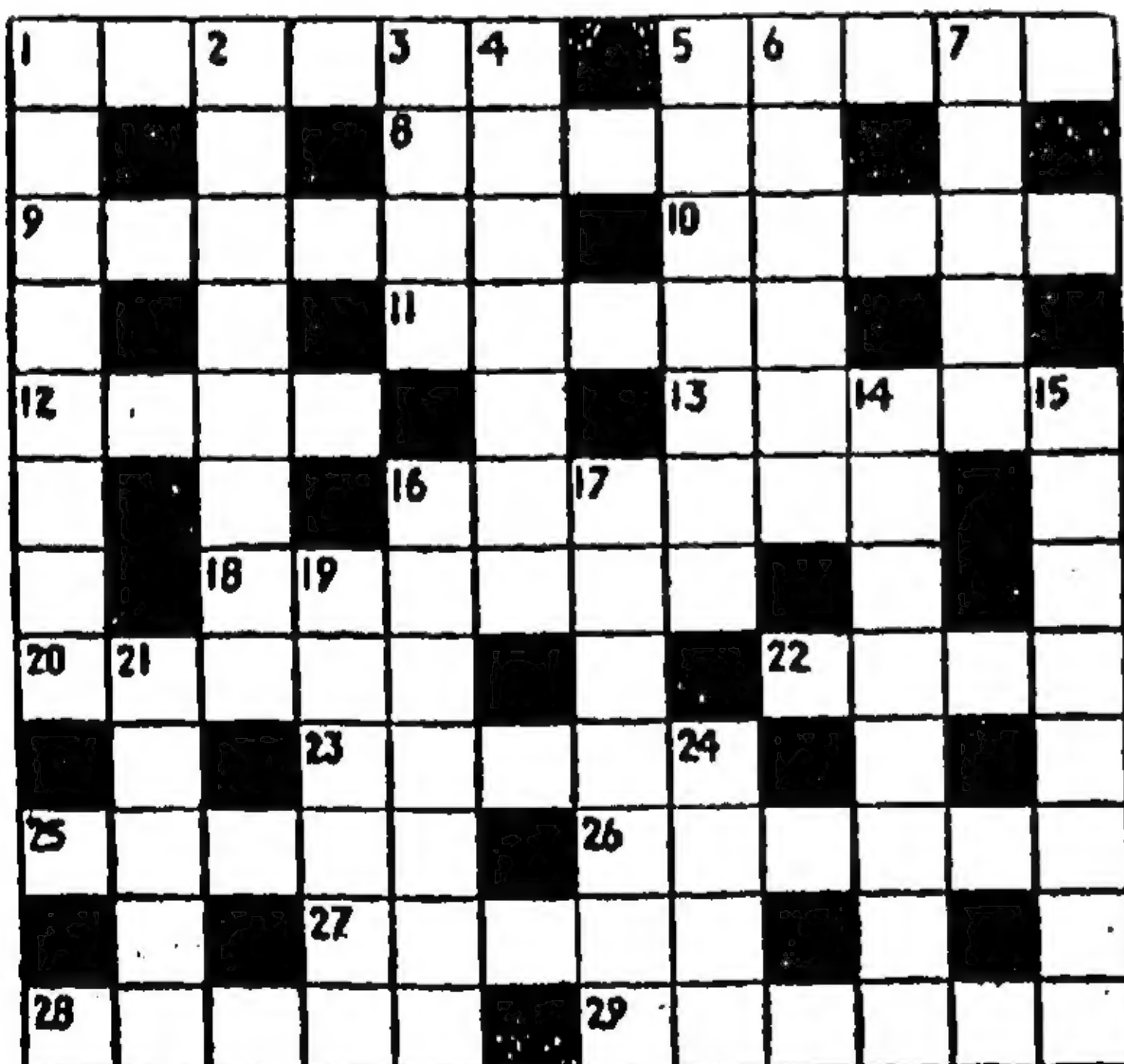
"The fact that all 31 members of the party have reached the summit is an achievement which has seldom occurred in world mountaineering history," declared the Soviet medallist, E. A. Belok, leader of the expedition, the agency said.

The conquest of Mazung was first attempted by the noted Swedish explorer Sven Hedin in 1894. He made four attempts up to less than 6,000 metres and failed. Nine years ago, the British climber, Eric Shipton, made another attempt and failed at about 7,000 metres, the agency added. —France-Press.

New York, July 31. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) had recommended that \$5,000,000 be allocated to Japan to help in an expansion of its programme for physically handicapped children, it was announced in a statement made public at UN headquarters today.

This sum would provide special equipment and reference books for 22 hospitals for the rehabilitation of crippled children, the fund stated. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Demure (6).
- 3 Quoted (5).
- 5 Fire-raising (5).
- 6 Mix with (6).
- 10 Rabbit's house (5).
- 11 Narrow to one end (6).
- 12 Observe (4).
- 13 Territory (5).
- 14 Meddle injuriously with (6).
- 15 States a view (6).
- 16 Coal worker (5).
- 17 Pleased (4).
- 18 Elevate (5).
- 19 Shoot (5).
- 20 Church festival (6).
- 21 Inclines (5).
- 22 Sheen (5).
- 23 Felt (6).

DOWN

- 1 Impetus (8).
- 2 Gift (8).
- 3 Sailor (4).
- 4 Treachery (7).
- 5 Remains united (7).
- 6 Hardens (6).
- 7 Surpass (5).
- 8 Contenders in sports (8).
- 9 Killed feloniously (8).
- 10 Optical illusions (7).
- 11 Diminished (7).
- 12 Dangers (6).
- 13 Drive (5).
- 14 Comfort (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Victor, 3 Pails, 5 Pear, 9 Spades, 11 Enter, 12 Menial, 14 Muse, 16 Tolls, 18 Acute, 19 Germ, 20 Images, 24 Silvio, 25 Purple, 26 Uses, 27 Lists, 28 Shines, Down: 1 Vest, 2 Crum, 3 Open, 4 Roadie, 6 Prelate, 8 Interior, 7 Surmise, 10 Debut, 13 Parasol, 14 Mumble, 15 Serious, 17 Order, 19 Grapes, 21 Quash, 22 Spots, 23 Mice.

World Must Recognise Nationalism

— SOEKARNO

Djakarta, July 31.

Indonesian President Soekarno declared today that the world must give due attention and take into account nationalism in Asia and Africa or no world peace could be achieved.

Soekarno made this statement before a mass rally in Semarang.

Though he did not mention Egypt specifically, he did name her neighbours—Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco—and hit hard at "those nations which failed to understand the nationalism that has emerged in the former colonies."

PEACE DANGER

"It has been proved," Soekarno declared, "that those nations which failed to understand the nationalism that has emerged in the former colonies, have at some time caused situations which endangered world peace."

Observers interpreted the President's speech as giving further support to Nasser in his move against the Suez Canal. Indonesia has announced the Government's support and approval of Nasser's action.

A ministry communiqué declared: "We fully understand Egypt's position which in the present circumstances, prompted by its desire to raise the living standards of its Egyptian people, was compelled to choose the road of nationalisation of the Suez Canal."

ALREADY BUSY

The announcement added that if the world understood Egypt's decision "all moves which might jeopardise peace in the Middle East can be prevented."

Meanwhile Foreign Minister Roossan Abbulgani disclosed that the Government "was already busy" arranging a second conference of the five Colonies Powers in connection with the new situation created by the nationalisation of the Suez Canal.

Abbulgani said such a meeting was necessary as a forerunner of a second Asian-African conference. —United Press.

Russo-Japanese Settlement Dubious

Washington, July 31.

The Washington Star suggested today that the Japan-Soviet talks now proceeding in Moscow were not likely to produce much more than a "dubious normalisation" of diplomatic and economic relations.

Commenting on today's meeting between Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, and Mr Dmitri Shepilov the Star added:

"And the value of that can best be measured by the results of last September's similar negotiations between the Russians and Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany. 'As for genuine normalisation, the Kremlin apparently has no intention of working out with Japan a real peace treaty of the kind that nearly all the nations of the world adopted at San Francisco in September five years ago...'

"With all that said, however, it must be admitted that the Kremlin has not hurt itself in pursuing Tokyo—after the fashion of the London talks—to send Mr Shigemitsu to Moscow."

"He probably will be offered only a few crumbs, but his visit, though costing the Russians little or nothing, can add up to effective Soviet propaganda among the Japanese." —Reuter.

AA Guns Fire On Israeli Planes

Gaza, July 31.

Egyptian anti-aircraft guns opened fire on two Israeli fighters which flew over the Egyptian-held town this morning, a military spokesman said.

Sirius alerted other anti-aircraft units as the planes flew over, but they turned back into Israel when the guns opened up, the spokesman said.

Egypt complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission. —United Press.

EX-REGENT TAKES SONS TO SCHOOL



Pictured at Waterloo Station with his wife and two sons, Sekoma (15) and Leapiwe (17) is Thhekedi Khama, the former Regent of the Batswana Tribe in Bechuanaland. He has come to England to put his two sons to a Catholic School in Ireland. It is more than 20 years since Thhekedi was suspended from the Regency of the Batswana Tribe for ordering a white man to be flogged, and in 1949 he went into voluntary exile because of his attitude to his nephew, Setse's marriage to an English girl. —Central Press Photo.

Malayan Miners Hold Strike Vote

RESULT KNOWN TODAY

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 1.

The Executive Council of the Malayan Mining Employees Union will meet in Taiping, Northern Malaya, today to decide whether or not to stage a country wide strike involving 16,000 miners in 60 European-owned mines throughout Malaya.

Union sources said secret ballot papers which have been issued to unionists would be counted at today's meeting. Ballot scrutineers would table their report and if the majority of the ballots were in favour of a strike, a date would be set for Malaya-wide action.

The dispute with the Malayan Mining Employees Association began after the union presented 17 demands for better wages and conditions and broke off relations with the association.

Serve Notice

A union spokesman said today that if a decision is reached in favour of a national strike, notice of the date would be served on individual employers.

Chinese-owned mines in the Federation believe that they will continue to enjoy industrial peace, according to several Chinese mine owners.

A Labour Department report issued today said more than twice the number of working days were lost by strikes in Malaya in June 1956 than in the whole of 1955.

Irresponsible

The report, which described the figure as "alarmingly high," said that 160,200 working days were lost in 40 strikes in June 1956.

According to the report, many of the strikes were "largely irresponsible and could have been avoided had a little more patience been shown." —Reuter.

RHODESIAN MINERS DOWN TOOLS

Salisbury, July 31.

Northern Rhodesian Chamber of Mines has confirmed that African ticket paid workers struck at Bancroft Mine this morning.

A statement issued by the Chamber of Mines said African Mine Workers Union had informed the mine management that a strike had been called on instructions of the Union supreme council. It also informed the management that the strike would last until Wednesday.

The statement said the strike constituted a breach of recognition of agreement. It added that essential services at the mine were fully manned and that a number of ticket paid workers had volunteered for work. African staff employees were on duty. Total ticket paid, labour force at Bancroft Mine was 2,500. —China Mail Special.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK MOTOR DEADLOCK

London, July 31.

Government and trade union leaders met privately in London today in a bid to end a strike over redundancy at the factories of the British Motor Corporation, "biggest car producing combine in the country."

Government peace-makers led by Sir Wilfred Boden, Chief Industrial Commissioner, at the Labour Ministry, are later meeting employers at a separate conference in a "move" to break a deadlock in the dispute.

Representative Regime For Morocco

Rabat, July 31.

The Sultan of Morocco, Mohammed V, will issue a decree next week, providing for the creation of a Consultative Assembly which will be the first step towards the institution of a representative regime in Morocco.

This was announced today in an official communiqué giving details of a meeting of the Moroccan Cabinet yesterday at which the Sultan presided.

The Consultative Assembly will be composed of representatives of all shades of public opinion and of various economic interests such as professional groups.

It will be kept informed of the Government's decisions and activities, the communiqué said. —France-Press.

Selective Service System Advocated

London, July 31.

The British Government tonight suggested a system of selective service as an alternative to abolishing universal national service (conscription) in Britain as advocated earlier by the Labour opposition.

Mr Iain MacLeod, Minister of Labour and National Service, outlined in the House of Commons possible methods of selection.

These included indefinite deferment for those employed in essential industries or occupations and those equipping themselves by training courses to give skilled service to industry and the community.

They also included a system of allocation, or quotas, the decision being left to area boards, and a ballot-across-section of young men being given to the services.

Day Would Come

Mr MacLeod said the day would come when national service would be ended. But the Government could not see that day at present in the light of the known facts about (slow) recruiting for the regular army and Britain's commitments abroad.

He was resisting a Labour motion calling on the Government to prepare a four-year plan to end national service, with the last call-up in December, 1958.

Mr George Brown, opening the debate for Labour, had earlier condemned a selective service as unfair and likely to cause resentment among those selected.

He urged the Government to get a re-appraisal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation going so that it could see what Britain's commitments would be.

Have No Doubt

Mr Brown said: "We have no doubt that national service should go."

Britain should have a highly mobile, highly equipped small regular volunteer army. The sooner she tried to get that, the better.

Mr MacLeod said the Government wanted to see the demands of defence reduced but only consistent with Britain's safety and the discharge of her duty to herself and her friends.

Dare Not Alone

Generally what was vital for her was vital also for the free world.

"We cannot and dare not plan alone," he said. "We must plan with our Commonwealth, the

Burma 'Invasion'

RADFORD CONFERS WITH CHIANG

Taipei, July 31.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chief of US Joint Chiefs of Staff, conferred tonight with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek after receiving reports of the Chinese Communist "invasion" of Burmese borders.

The Chinese quarters regarded the reported Red invasion in Burma as "very serious."

It was pointed out that the area was once occupied by anti-Communist guerrillas. These Nationalist units were eventually evacuated to Formosa after the Burmese Government protested to Nationalist Government and brought the issue to the United Nations Security Council.

The evacuation was carried out through arrangements of an international commission composed of the United States, Thailand and Nationalist China.

REPORTS AWAITED

In Washington the State Department today anxiously awaited official reports from Burma to gauge the seriousness of advances into Burmese territory.

So far, the Department has heard only press reports of the incident. It declined to say how seriously it regards the situation pending an official report from the US Embassy at Rangoon.

While the State Department reacted with great caution, officials indicated in private conversations that they were not too concerned yet. They explained that the Chinese Reds have on a number of occasions in the past crossed over the vaguely defined border between the two nations. —United Press.

Togoland Referendum

United Nations, July 31.

France proposes to hold a referendum in Togoland, West Africa, in October next, the French delegation to the United Nations Trusteeship Council announced today.

The referendum will give the people of the French-administered UN trusteeship territory the choice between home-rule and continuation of the trusteeship.

Under the home-rule statute, Togoland would still be represented in the French Parliament but would possess full autonomy in its administration and in financial affairs.

The home-rule project was drafted by France upon the recommendation of the UN General Assembly. —France-Press.

Summer Sale

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE

ARE SAYING THE SAME!

THERE IS ONLY ONE

GENUINE SALE WORTH VISITING

IT'S AT ...

Lane Crawford's

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

YOU have probably read a lot in the newspapers about people's holidays.

For the first time you may read about the holiday of a stomach, the tortured tum belonging to your Uncle Nat.

As the most beneficial holidays have been described as "doing something different" new experiences had to be planned for Tum.

He would not be allowed to know anything about what was going on in the world because the news which is usually bad, sometimes puts him off his breakfast.

any disturbance of his settled peace each evening.

Your Uncle's vital measurements are 43-43-43. Therefore a tape measure would be taken everywhere to see what happened to the middle measurement under the new regime.

The early part of Tum's holiday was spent at Brighton.

On the first day he had a full breakfast of fruit juice, porridge, bacon and eggs, and quantities of buttered toast and marmalade. For lunch he had four courses, for dinner five, including thick soup and a savoury.

Before putting him to bed the tape measure showed that the vital measurements were 43-44-43.

An English Tea

Work would not be mentioned because the thought of it often gives him nausea and puts him off his lunch. As he was not to be disturbed, he would be no danger at the dinner table in the evening to put him off his supper.

Three large regular meals, either at home or in hotel, would be sent down every day. These would include all the foods he had been denied on account of his increasing size, such as bread, sugar, potatoes.

Vital measurements

THE number of drinks sent down would be altered two before lunch, to a total of eight. As Tum, under the new regime, was to be a "diet" man, he would be able to digest drinks with large quantities of sugar, and, in fact, he would be able to drink from

THE next day the onslaught of nourishment was increased by an English tea of cakes, hot cereals, buttered buns, and cucumber sandwiches.

A Tum has not been on the receiving end of an English tea for many years he neglected his appetite and discomfort in the early way he knows, to the intense disgust of an elderly woman reading "The Lady" in a corner of the lounge.

That evening in the bar Tum met many dear old pals and discussed his father's death. But as they talked, conversation holes through the massive English tea he was able to make room for another five-course dinner.

Vital measurements in the morning at 11 p.m. 43-46-43.

After four days of this treatment Tum was getting so large that your Uncle was hardly able to fit his shoes. He thought it best to stay much longer, he would have to say goodbye to his feet, already disappearing from view.

He was also a bit worried about his trousers, which could not be buttoned at the top.

So with vital measurements now 43-47-43 Tum was driven home to a strict diet again. The driving could not be moved back to his feet he could be wedged into it.

Tum's paradise

AS Tum can like and fall as readily as the temperature of an English summer he was soon back to normal on a two-day diet of non-fattening foods.

But since it was his holiday, and he was growing up, he was given to the Blackbox Inn, Leamington, 14th-century pub in Soar.

This happy place is a tum's paradise except that the bar is too attractive for tum who are

onger for their dinner and is too full of dear old pal tum.

All the same, tum whose staying powers at the bar are limited are soon made happy at the table where they can revel in real English food (and plenty of it) almost unknown to foreign tourists.

It is all cooked by the gardener's wife, and, as salmon and new potatoes, steak and kidney puddings and pies, roast beef and Yorkshire, and fruit tarts were served only mumble "lucky gardeners" as he tried to deal with a lump of Stilton cheese.

The tape measure was out again that night. Vital measurements were 43-45-43. The next night they were 43-46-43.

It was on the third night that a reduction decision was made to take Tum home again in the morning.

The middle measurement had shot up to 47, and the only pair of trousers at hand, unsupported by braces, were about to fall down. Like Robertson, Harle's trousers, in a farce, because the three top buttons wouldn't meet.

Tum's Waterloo

NEXT day in the Sea Nest Tum met his Waterloo. He was immediately put on the strictest diet of his life.

No breakfast except a cup of unsweetened tea was sent down. Although he was growing fatter at mid-day, all he got was a poached egg on spinach.

For supper he had cheese, salad, and Melba toast without butter.

And despite his nocturnal guardings which kept his Uncle awake, he got the same treatment the next day. And the next. By this time he was not only fit, but becoming conceited. What's more he was hearing all the bad news again.

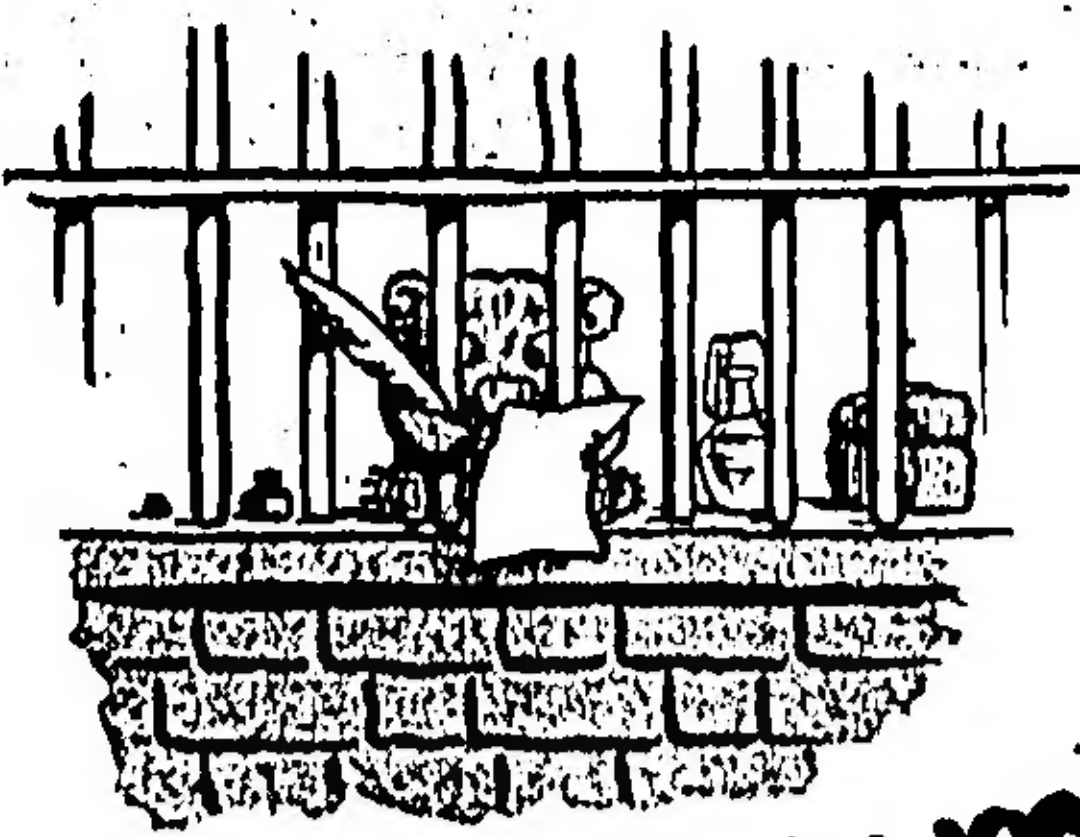
He heard about the BMA conference at Brighton and how one doctor had said that middle-aged men (including tum?) should be X-rayed twice a year to see if anything awful was going on inside them.

He also heard the significant remarks of another doctor, who said "There seem to be so many cases of disease, drinking alcohol, smoking, and other forms of self-indulgence, that almost every kind of pleasure can give rise to it."

When Tum thought of his holiday indulgence and the flattery of Sussex he turned over twice, but accepted his frugal supper without a murmur. In fact, he was so quiet in the night that he must have cried himself to sleep.

Latest vital measurements: 43-39-43.

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CONTINUING
THE LETTERS OF
Nikki the Bear

Dear comrade mum,

I EXPECT you have been wondering what I've been up to since I last wrote during the Bulganan and Krushchev visit to England. Well, you remember I told you how they treated me like a Lord or a high-up member of the Kremlin when I first arrived, and fed me on caviar and honey? And took me to Windsor to see the Queen?

I had my picture in all the papers and told you how I would arrange for you, Brulovitch, Rupertvitch, and sister Olga to be transported from home in Siberia to Regent's Park because everything was so nice.

Then I wrote later and told you to stay put as things got very different after Bulganan and Krush left and people over here didn't have to be nice to bears any more, especially Russian bears.

My advice, Comrade Mum, is to forget about caviar and sweet roots, and stay right where you are and live on sweet nothing. These bourgeois, decadent, capitalist Western Powers are a pretty flake lot.

They haven't given me a mention in the Press for weeks just because I haven't bitten anybody or got atinko like Krushchev and let fly a few home truths.

★ ★ ★

THE capitalist beasts are more interested in beauty these days than beasts. The papers are covered with pictures of famous beauties like Jack (King-of-the-Underworld) Spot, Seneface (King-of-the-Underworld) Russo, Billy (King-of-the-Underworld) Hill, Marilyn Dors, and Diana Monroe.

This must make another beauty hopping mad who only got her expenses sheet on the front page this week instead of her

picture. Her name is Lady Docker, usually called Norah. She owns a large husband called Sir Bernard.

I imagine Norah is giving Bernie the old What-o for allowing Marilyn and Diana publicity to overshadow their publicity, because I imagine Norah is the kind of Lady who can't bear publicity, especially if it does not mention Norah. I only imagine this.

★ ★ ★

EVERYTHING else is much the same here as it is back home in the East, Comrade Mum.

In England they blame all their strikes on the Communists, just like the Communists back home say all their strikes are imported by capitalists.

Locked in my concentration cell here in Regent's Park very little news leaks through, except, of course, about Marilyn and Diana and a few distorted rumours about things not going too well in the Kremlin.

The things they invent over here about us Russians I'd never be surprised to see them cook up a story one day saying that even Uncle Joe ain't what he used to be. Well, I must close now, your loving son...

nikki.



P.S. Tell brothers Brulovitch and Rupertvitch that if ever this Marilyn comes to Siberia to keep their paws off her porridge—as she is sure my Goldilocks. F.P.S. I bet Norah is wild because they published her expenses sheet and not her old party pal Billy (King-of-the-Underworld) Hill's.

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THAT SHORT, SHARP, PAINFUL WORD

GOUT, the excruciating joint complaint which has baffled the doctors for centuries, is posing them a new problem.

They cannot explain why gout has declined so much since the war that the peppery old colonel with a huge bandage on his foot has even disappeared from the comic cartoons.

Some doctors were satisfied that the gout decline was due to the rapid rise in the price of drink. Over-indulgence in alcohol was thought to be a prime cause of the complaint.

Now an inquiry has shown that the average alcohol intake of people with gout is little different from those who escape it. About one gout sufferer in every three of those quizzed claimed to be a total abstainer or only an occasional drinker.

Also, while women are drinking more than before the war, gout remains essentially a masculine disease. It is still 20 times commoner among men than women.

Is it Meat?

THE rise in the cost of meat was considered to be a further likely explanation of the decline of gout.

Rich cuts of meat, game, liver, kidney, and sweetbreads contain ingredients called purines, which were believed to start attacks.

Purines give rise to uric acid, and it is known that crystals derived from uric acid are found round gouty joints.

But experiments with radioactive chemicals have revealed that people on a diet low in purine may build up a high level of uric acid in the body. The only certainty left about the cause of gout seems to be

that heredity is involved. In more than 80 percent of cases there is a history of gout among parents or grandparents.

Experiments with a pain-measuring device have shown that gout ranks among the most agonising complaints men suffer. It rates six units on the pain-scale compared with seven to nine for heart attacks and 10 for childbirth, the sharpest pain a human being endures.

A doctor has described the pain of gout as "the big toe, where it usually strikes, thus—'If the pain of rheumatism is like putting your foot in a vice and turning the handle until you can bear it no longer, then the pain of gout corresponds to giving the handle another couple of turns.'"

... or Brains?

FORTUNATELY there is a simple treatment which is usually rapidly effective—pills containing the drug colchicum, extracted from the plant called meadow-saffron.

Doctors have known that this treatment is specific for gout for more than 1,500 years, but to add to the great mystery they still have no idea why.

Professor J.B.S. Haldane has seriously suggested that the high uric acid content of the blood of human beings is responsible for brain development.

So when the first agonising twinge of an attack strikes the sufferer, he can console himself that maybe he is being singled out because he is more intelligent than most.

* AMONG recent gout sufferers of above-average attainment—Sir Alfred Munnings, the Aga Khan, Bernard Baruch, Sir Thomas Beecham.

LONG-DIVISION INTELLIGENCE

From JAMES COOPER

New York. Central Intelligence Agency. Ever since the agency was established after the Second World War, the Government has refused to divulge how many work for it.

Senators tried to find out when Secretary of State Dulles asked for \$40,000,000 for a new building for the agency. In vain.

But he did admit that the average space required for each worker was 95.5 square feet. American spies checked on the nation's professional counter-spies. They found the building will have 1,135,000 square feet.

Divide that by the space for each worker and the top-secret answer is—11,523 workers.

AMERICA is to spend \$10,000,000 copying Britain's "death on the road" spare tactics in the hope of reducing the 42,000 traffic deaths expected this year.

Says the National Safety Council: "It will be a blood and guts campaign, with talk about funerals and widows, to try to stop this murder on the highway."

PSYCHOANALYST. A n n a Freud, of Hampstead, and Mrs Pandit, the High Commissioner for India in London, are named as "Women of Achievement" in a list of 17 to be honoured at an international conference of Soroptimist Clubs in New York.

Others include Miss Margaret Aitken, the Canadian M.P., Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, and Mrs "Babe" Zaharias, the golfer who after a third operation for cancer says: "I'm not licked yet."

ABANDONED: Plan to appoint five women to hand out summonses for parking offences in Yonkers, New York. Only one woman applied for the \$2,800 a year job—and she was not qualified.

BOOM—Farmland in Florida bought for \$3 an acre 10 years ago was sold this week for \$1,000 an acre to builders who expect to get \$4,000 an acre when they build houses there.

HOLIDAYMAKERS at North Falmouth, Cape Cod, are offered rides in an Italian two-man submarine of the type used to attack British warships in the Second World War.

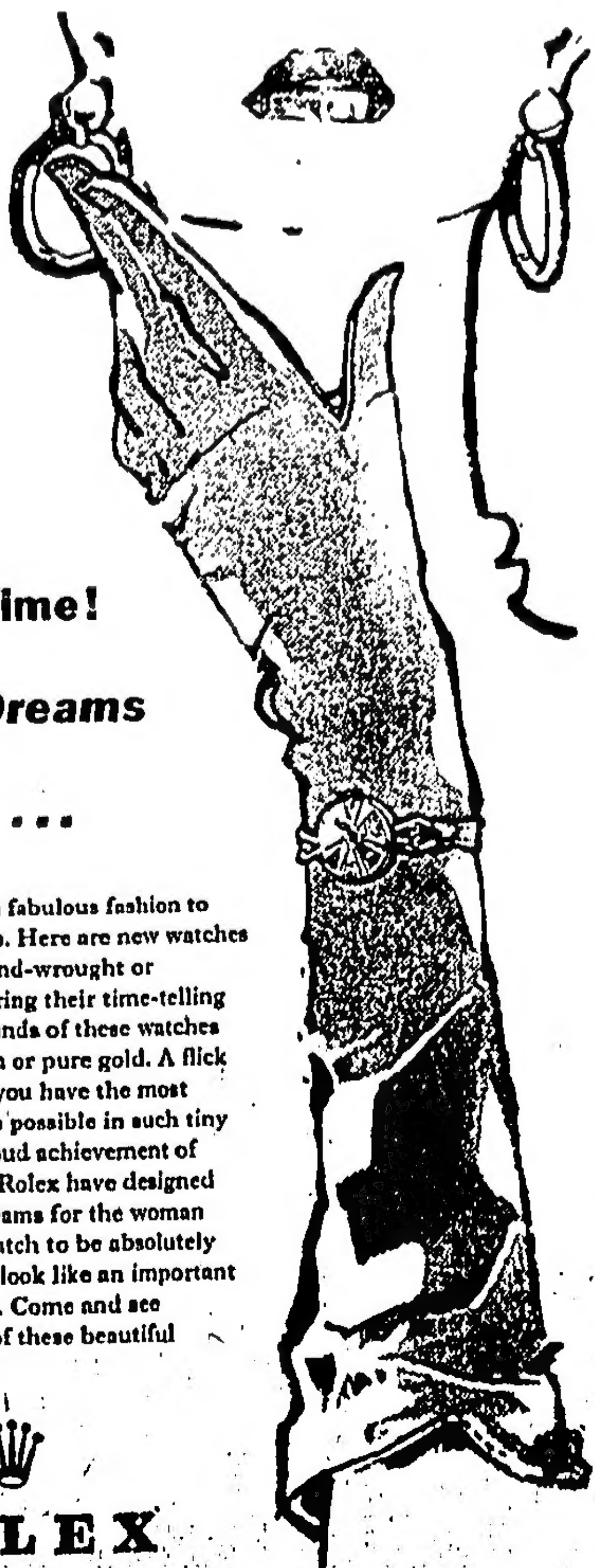
NINETY U.S. farmers with their own planes plan a goodwill flying tour of Europe. Congress will spend \$400,000 to take them across the Atlantic in an aircraft carrier.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



Personally I agree with Atkinson that we are in grave danger of attaching an exaggerated importance to this whole question of redundancy.



Look!

Hidden Time!

Golden Dreams

by Rolex...

Never before such fabulous fashion to circle pretty wrists. Here are new watches by Rolex, with hand-wrought or jewelled lids covering their time-telling faces. Even the bands of these watches are of gold kidskin or pure gold. A flick of the finger and you have the most precise timepieces possible in such tiny watches—the proud achievement of Swiss craftsmen. Rolex have designed these Golden Dreams for the woman who wants her watch to be absolutely accurate, and yet look like an important fashion accessory. Come and see the whole series of these beautiful bracelet-watches.

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ARE WE MAKING IDOLS OF THE WRONG MEN?

THIS IS MY ACCUSATION: THAT BRITONS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN SPORT THAN IN THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

By ROBERT PITMAN

London.

THE scene—a banquet hall in Washington. The leaders of the Senate are there. So are ambassadors, resplendent in braid.

The tables are heavy with plate. And in the centre sits the guest of honour, Queen Elizabeth of England, quietly fingering her notes for the key speech of the visit.

Suddenly the ceremony is interrupted. A toastmaster steps forward. To bursts of applause from the senators he announces the latest baseball scores.

THE SCORE

IT has never happened, of course. Yet, if it did, what a furore it would produce, what ammunition for professional anti-Americans in every continent. Can a nation so unbalanced, so irresponsible, so obsessed with a trivial sport—be fit to lead the world?

It has never happened—in Washington. But now let us look at something which really happened in London the other day.

In London we welcomed King Feisal of Iraq. And Feisal, let it be noted, is no ordinary guest.

In one vital respect, he is the most important single

friend we have. He helps us to safeguard our oil supplies not only in Iraq but in the whole Middle East. If Feisal fell, our factories in Britain might soon find themselves whispering into silence.

Yet how was Feisal welcomed by London's Lord Mayor at Guildhall?

With civic pomp, with old world glitter, and with a remarkable display of unintentioned bad manners. For in the middle of the all-important state ceremony the toastmaster was instructed to boom out this pronouncement: "The score is 140 for eight."

And later, when the Lord Mayor himself announced that the Test had been won by an innings, the cheers outscored any applause which the royal guest of honour got.

DISTURBING

OF course, it was all wonderfully droll. It was delightfully whimsical. It could have come from an Ealing Studio film. But for

anyone who is worried about Britain's attitude to her responsibilities in the world it was also overwhelmingly disturbing.

Could it happen anywhere else? Or could it happen if some other news, apart from the Test victory, had been brought to the Lord Mayor?

What if he had been told something really momentous? What if he had been told that Canada had seceded from the Empire? The banquet, we may guess, would have proceeded undisturbed.

OUR SHARE

YET have we any right to blame the Lord Mayor alone for assuming that sport outweighs all other issues? What about the rest of us?

We may not have any share in the welcome given to guests of state. But we all have a share in something bigger—in an Empire for which our fathers fought, which once gave promise of unparalleled prosperity for our children.

Today that Empire is withering away before our eyes: yet we do not choose to look. Our at-

tention is on the bowling averages instead, or on our luck in the Treble Chance.

At the height of Britain's greatness, when Gordon was killed at Khartoum, the angry people of London stoned the windows of 10, Downing Street.

Now our men every day are murdered in Cyprus: every day our Colonies are being torn from us. And how do we react? We shrug, we yawn, and we turn to the race results in the stop press column.

OBSESSIONS

AT the height of Britain's greatness the nation had its obsessions, of course. It worshipped men like Livingstone. It treated Florence Nightingale as a latter-day saint.

Yet who have taken the place of these great names today? For Florence Nightingale—Pat Smythe.

What a comment on our modern sense of values. And what a problem when it comes to honouring the truly great!

By all means we should admire the life-long skill of a Gordon Richards or the stolid leadership of a Leonard Hutton. Yet how can we now adequately honour a dedicated surgeon or a scientist who has changed an epoch?

Take the case of Sir Alexander Fleming, who gave penicillin to mankind. Throughout the world, even among our worst enemies, there are people who bless the very name of Fleming.

Yet how did we honour that name? By adding to it a title which even jockeys and opening

batsmen can now hope to possess.

But forget mere questions of honour. Everything we look forward to now depends on efficiency—efficiency at the factory bench, efficiency in the executive suite.

Yet, in the last year, how many workers in an average factory could say that they have studied the problem of increasing their own efficiency half as hard as they have studied the complex problems of racing form?

And how many executives can honestly say that they set a better example?

DAYS OFF

DURING the Wimbledon season some big London business men, to my knowledge, had seats booked in the grandstand, not for the odd afternoon, but for a whole week at a time.

Any foreign buyer in a hurry would have been forced to discuss contracts while Roosevelt and Hoard leaped and slashed.

So what is the solution? Do I want a campaign against sport? Far from it. I want to enjoy sport myself.

I want to see Compton sweep out a century in the next Test. I want to see England trounce the world at football. I want to see Pike puffing his way to a gold medal in Australia.

But I also want to see a time when we regain our sporting status—a time when we remember that Drake went on to do something more than finish his game of bowls.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

BORN today, you are clever and original in whatever you undertake. You are perhaps inclined to be a little too impulsive; if you learn to curb this side of your nature a little, then there is a good chance that you will reach early success and fame. But, unless you continue to work hard, you may find that you are basking in reflected glory—or the fame of a single

deed, rather than upholding and increasing your success by continued works.

You have a tremendous capacity for getting into scrapes—but are a positive genius for getting out of them safely. Your tact and diplomacy are outstanding and you make many friends as you progress through life. Your talents lie mainly in the field of the arts, although it may take you half a lifetime to make the discovery. It is possible that you will change your vocation more than once before you settle down to what you really ought to be doing. The trial and error method is the best way of discovering your finest talents. You may be told a thing a dozen times, but you pay little or no attention until you have learned through personal experience and experiment.

You are a little too inclined to stay on the fence when it comes to asserting yourself and expressing an opinion. Be more definite, even if you are a member of the opposition, and the results will be better for you in the long run.

Among those born on this date are Alma Beck, singer; Gaston Desmouges, French statesman; Richard Henry Dana, noted jurist; and author; Alvin Karpis, Luther, and Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the President.

Find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Devote your energies to productive activities today if you want to see material success and financial rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A fine day for many different kinds of activity. Work or pleasure are both equally served.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you follow well-laid plans carefully you will be able to make excellent progress now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Neighbourhood affairs, especially if they have to do with retail merchandising, can prove profitable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Act decisively upon all affairs that involve co-operative effort. You will see results of past efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Heavily to act the moment the lights turn green for you. This should be a highly productive day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You may combine business and pleasure for joy and profit if you wish. Make a steady pace.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Take positive action in something which has come up in your decision. Folkways and old traditions lead in the matter.

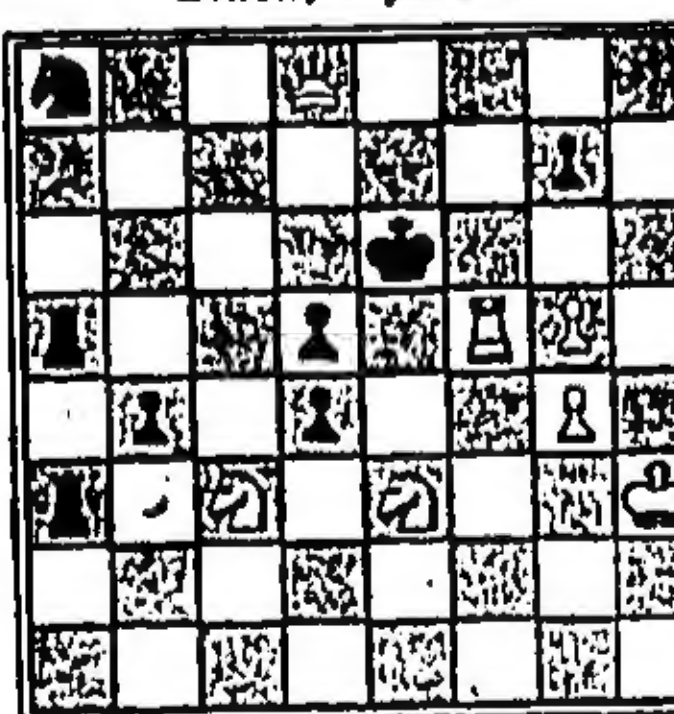
ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Your family group may pose a problem which can now be settled with the full and complete approval of all.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Take care of that correspondence which you may have been neglecting recently. A letter can prove important, you know.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Use your talents to help end put your best foot forward when meeting a new contact. Success is waiting.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Property matters can be settled in terms of "big business" today and your chances of making a profit are good.

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. A. CROES
Black, 8 pieces.

White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. P-B4, any; 2. Q, B, Kt, or P mates.

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Is he the man to give punishment? (8)
2. Bear one for a rough spot. (8)
3. Only latch Nan (8)
4. Should a performer always screw himself (12)
5. To be a little (8)
12. They own rights but they don't stick around for ever. (12)

Down
1. It's a back when plane is allocated. (8)
2. Nice 'un involved in the ration. (12)
3. The 'un in yellow may have a selection (8)
4. The beginning of 12 Across. (8)
5. One gets under the skin as far as the dinner preparations (8)
6. They're busy from now until Christmas. (8-9)
7. With a little more, a postally notable. (4)
8. An answer prayer. (8)
9. Old lady lived here. (4)
10. Not quite. (8)
11. Leading slave? (8)
12. Trip. (12)

Yesterday's solution

This Funny World



"Now when you look in the hatching mirror..."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A PULING quack, drivelling about "diets," recalled to me a man in Donemurle of the Montois who boasted that, as a boy, he had once eaten 41 rich cakes.

I could have run him pretty close in a certain pastrycook's in Etratat, where I used to stuff myself, singing loudly as I did so, while the grown-ups were bathing or riding about the countryside in carriages.

But in those days cakes were not made of synthetic muck and plastered with near-cream-type, or with frightful yellow chemicals. Hearty eaters died in a ripe old age instead of withering away in middle-age from inanition or poisonous food.

Witness Brillat-Savarin's sister, Pauline, who died at the age of 98, shouting for the next course.

A visit to a bread factory

The most striking feature of the pre-processing room is the Wylie-Snedwood sifter, which revolves 274,384 times per minute on its own axis, giving off a thin dust of boracic chloride.

Any large particle which drops off the bread while it is being sanded is retained by the sifter. The smaller particles pass through into a triple-lined vat filled with crystalline boric acid (nine parts to every four, in the proportion of

six to one). When the pressure gauge reaches 81, the man at the stodge-valve starts a small engine which squirts automatic pulvose into the dredge-shaft. A bell rings, yellow lights flash, and the solid mass of bread is transferred along a conveyor belt to a rectangular hop, where it is pre-processed with limphol before being shovelled into the Glockner containers.

'Bentley, E.S.'

I REALISED that sooner or later some highbrow dramatist would get to work on the List of Huntingdonshire cabmen. Here is a scene from "Bentley, E.S."

(A darkened stable, with an old horse in the corner. Enter Amherst, O. N., and Fullerton, E. R.)

Fullerton: Where is Keigwin, J.?

Amherst: For that matter where is Bruce, F. W. T.?

(A long silence. The horse whinnies.)

Fullerton: Was that Thompson, R. L.?

Amherst: No. It was a horse. (Exit Amherst. Enter Trudgely, P., Charlton, S. N., Bates, W., Orchard, V. A., and 142 other cabmen in unalphabetical order.)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Circus In The Garden

—The Shadows Put On The Biggest Act of All—
By MAX TRELL

THE circus had come to the garden!

The moon had just risen very big and round. Then all the little folks—Christopher Cricket, Blackie Beetle, Daddy Longlegs, Mr and Mrs Potato Bug, Charlie Grasshopper and all the others—gathered around the stump of the old apple tree to watch the fun.

Knarl and Hanid, the shadow children, led the parade. Knarl was in front. He had made himself small (for shadows can make themselves any size they please) and there he marched,

with a tall hat on his head made of an acorn and a thistle blossom.

A Big Float

Right behind him rode Hanid, wearing a dress made of rose petals and sitting on a big float made of an oak leaf. The wheels of the float were daisies and it was drawn by twenty brown caterpillars, all keeping in step to the music of the band.

The leader of the band was Mouse, waving a painted twig. Squirtle played the flute.

Chimpunk blew the trumpet. Sparrow tinkled the bluebells. Mole beat the big drum.

Then came the performers. The tent went up. The circus began.

Spider walked on a tightrope between the gooseberry bush and the sunflower.

"Oh-oh!" gasped the crowd. "She'll fall!"

But Spider didn't fall. Then the acrobats came out. They were the Frog Family. They sprang over each other's backs. They jumped and tumbled and turned in the air. Cricket became so excited he almost fell off the tree stump.

Then Hedgehog did a dance with Mole. They were both dressed like clowns.

After them came Mr Thundersnail, the famous juggler. He juggled fifty clover seeds at one time. But Sparrow suddenly flew out and swallowed the seeds and that was the end of the act.

WOMANSENSE

KEEPING YOUR TEETH HEALTHY—by W. W. Bauer

Preserve Those Six-year Molars!

THE child's first teeth are 20 in number, 10 above and 10 below, five on each side in each jaw. When these have erupted, between the ages of two and three years, there is a lull in dental "production" until about the age of six.

At that time, approximately, four new teeth arrive. Each is number six, counting from the middle of each jaw. They are called the six-year molars, and they are permanent teeth. I would like to repeat—the are permanent teeth. They will not be replaced. If lost, except by the dentist. Their preservation is of the greatest importance. They are placed where much of the stress of chewing comes, and also in a key position in the dental arch on each side.

Failure to realise that these are permanent teeth, coupled with the fallacy that primary or baby teeth may be neglected, has left large numbers of adults without these important basic teeth, or with bridges or dentures which might have been avoided by timely care.

SPEECH INVOLVED

Many children have irregularities in the spacing or arrangement of their teeth. Normal teeth meet in such a manner that their biting or grinding surfaces mesh with those of the corresponding teeth above or below to create an efficient masticating apparatus and a good arch for speech articulation. Buck teeth, crowded teeth or those erupting crookedly should be corrected in childhood, and usually without delay. They seldom correct themselves, despite the prevalence of wishful thinking that "he'll outgrow it." In such instances the child should be seen by a dentist. Many will correct themselves, but not all.

"Saw-edges" normal on newly erupted front teeth, usually wear smooth if the tooth is in proper position.

Routine dental care of the permanent teeth involves periodic visits to the dentist every six months or more often

if he so advises. Next comes mouth cleanliness, achieved by brushing regularly and properly. Children should be taught how to brush, and encouraged to regard brushing of the teeth as a first essential in the daily toilet.

The best toothbrush is one with bristles stiff enough to cleanse well but not to injure the gum tissue. If in doubt as to choice, ask your dentist. Bristles should be of even length, two or three rows wide and about six rows long. Such a brush can easily reach inner and outer surfaces of the teeth.

The commonly employed tooth-scrubbing motion from side-to-side is not effective in reaching

the crevices between the teeth, and may result in serious damage to the tooth enamel if continued over the years.

PROPER BRUSHING

Proper brushing requires using the brush so that each bristle becomes a miniature toothpick. This is done by pressing the brush against the teeth until the bristles enter the spaces between the teeth close to the gum line, and then by moving it toward the biting edge of the tooth. Upper teeth would be brushed downward; lower teeth upward. The procedure should be watched in a mirror to assure effectiveness. Brushing is recommended after

every meal and every snack whenever possible; the injury to enamel from acids due to food begins shortly after eating.

Most dentists recommend sharp curvilinear or "V" type elimination of sugar and sweets as an important means of saving the teeth.

Yet sweets are highly popular, especially with children. From a purely practical standpoint, I believe we would do much better to counsel moderation with regard to candy, soft drinks, over-sugared breakfast cereals, cakes and pastries, than futilely to advise abstinence.

TOMORROW:
Adult Dental Care

Evening Clothes For Winter Are Ultra-feminine

New York. MEN will have to dust off top hats and freshen up white ties to live up to the lavish evening clothes designers want women to wear next winter.

Astonishing ball gowns and slinky, rinkle-length dinner dresses overshadow the short and simple evening dress in the fashion shows held here by the couture group of The New York Dress Institute.

Christian Dior featured elaborate ball gowns, decorated with jewels and arching out from a tight waistline in layers of draped and flounced fabric.

FEMME FATALE LOOK

Cecil Chapman includes a "Thoda Baw" group of ankle-length evening dresses designed to impart a "femme fatale" look to any woman slim enough to wear them. The skirts have flat drapes that cling close to the knees and the bodies are slightly bloused and very bare shouldered.

Another version of the Lady Spy Look (also called the Vamp

Look) which appears in several collections is the long-sleeved black evening dress with a light skirt all at the front or sides for walking.

Dior, who has stirred loud male protests in the past by concealing certain features of the female form, believes in the high, rounded bustline and bare top in his latest evening clothes.

SWORD SILHOUETTE

But Dior has designed daytime clothes that reverse the ultra-femininity of his after-dark fashions. He calls his newest daytime silhouette the "Sword Look." It is slim and semi-fitted in the skirt and waist, and slightly exaggerated at the shoulder line.

Several Dior tailored suits have jackets that reach just below the hipbone and curve only slightly at the waist. Daytime dresses often have high waists, though Dior's Empire cut is more fitted and less startling than autumn styles by some American designers.

Other designers who showed their clothes in the fashion press week revealed new ways modern women can lead double lives. They can lounge around

the house in things like miniskirted velvet trousers and start off to the office in simple, untrimmied suits or wool dresses for walking.

Tiny Leser created a new group of lounging clothes in satin and velvet copied after the snug lines of blue jeans. Some of the snug trousers are fur-trimmed.

Je Copeland designed casual "blouse" dresses for autumn. They have slim skirts and soft tops that blouse slightly at the waist and have small collars or feminine ties at the neck.

NEW WAYS WITH FURS

Tailored suits occasionally have surprising fur collars and unexpected waistlines. Fox and lynx are two bushy furs that designers have used in new ways on both suits and coats.

George Carmel uses red fox on black and white tweed and blonde lynx on downy wool coats.

Designer Harry Freshel uses belts—just one inch above the waistline of his suit jackets. His coats have a slightly high-waisted cut too, done with deep yokes and slightly indented skirts. —United Press

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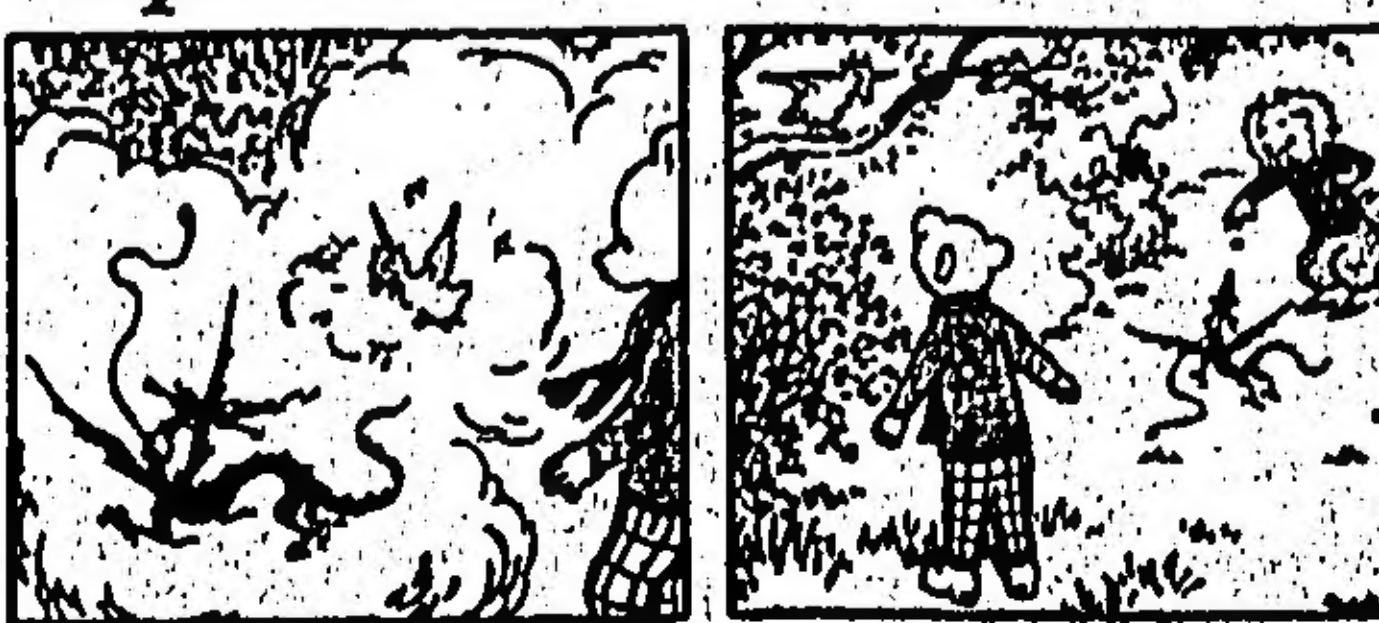
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Rupert and the Fire Bird—24



Try as he will, Rupert cannot keep out of the way of the smoke as the wind carries it round and round. "Are they playing or are they fighting?" he cries. "Oh, my goodness! I believe the little bird is breaking the spell! Whatever can be done?"

Is he? Why don't they burn each other? Then Pong-Ping returns and the dragon breaks up to gobble up its special food, but Rupert remains gazing at the bird. "Do look here," he calls. "This is double the size!" "What? And it's still growing?"

LAKER THE WONDER BOWLER

"One Thing
Overshadows
All Else"

—IAN JOHNSON

Ian Johnson, the Australian captain, was the first to shake Laker by the hand on the field immediately he had taken the last wicket. "When all the controversy on the match has died down one thing will overshadow all else and that is Laker's bowling in both innings," said Johnson. "His figures speak for themselves and they will kill all side issues. But spare a thought for Tommy Lock, who also bowled magnificently. I think Laker sent down only about six loose balls in the entire match and it was a wonderful effort of sustained accuracy. Under these conditions Laker and Lock are the best bowlers of their type in the world."

ONLY VALENTINE
"I can think only of Alf Valentine, the West Indies left-hander, who could match them. Don't expect too much from Laker, Lock and May if they play for Surrey against us tomorrow. There is often a reaction after such a test as this."

Speaking of the series and the match generally, Johnson stated: "England have retained the Ashes but they have not won the series. We will be all out to win at the Oval. Most of our batsmen at one time or other have shown that they can play spin but they have not come off all together in a match. I feel they might at the Oval in the last Test."

NEW BATTING STAR
"In Ian Craig we feel a new batting star has been born. It was grand to see his fighting innings and his 38 in his first Test against England was worth as much as a maiden century."

"Colin McDonald was also splendid. I believe the England team, which won this match to be the strongest I have ever played against and certainly England's best eleven since the war."

"By the way, Jimmy Burke is presenting himself tonight. He is going around boasting that he is the only man in our side Laker could not get out twice. The happy, friendly spirit between the two teams has been a fine feature of the series." — France-Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB
Australian Subscription
Ponies 1957

The new ponies are expected to arrive on or about 1st August. They will be quarantined in "C" Block for at least three weeks. Their arrival will mean considerable extra work for the Stables Staff and it has therefore been decided that "C" Block will be closed to Members until after the draw, the date of which will be notified in due course, when it may be re-opened at the discretion of the Club's Veterinary Surgeon. Members are asked to co-operate in complying with these temporary arrangements.

By Order,
A. E. ARNOED,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1956.



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Breaks Records And Australian Batting

IAN JOHNSON'S TRIBUTE TO AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE

London, July 31.

England won the Fourth Test match on the fifth and final day at Old Trafford, Manchester, when they beat Australia by an innings and 170 runs.

They thus retain the Ashes, for even if Australia should win the Oval Test, the overall score in the series would be two all, and as holders, England would retain automatically the mythical trophy.

The day belonged without a doubt to the Surrey spin bowler, Jim Laker, whose performance can only be described as truly fabulous. In it he beat all existing records and was well-nigh unplayable. He took ten wickets in the second innings, a feat never before accomplished. He took 19 wickets in the match, also a new world record in Tests, and he equalled Alec Bedser's 1953 record of 39 wickets in one Test series.

This is Laker's best season and in it he seems to have reached the height of his career. The Australians must be heartily tired of the sight of him, for in five matches against them this season, he has now taken no less than 51 wickets.

And tomorrow the tourists will have yet another opportunity of meeting him in the return match against Surrey, who earlier in season became the first county side to beat an Australian touring side for over 10 years.

In his five appearances to date this season against the Australians Laker has the following incredible bowling record:
For Surrey—10 for 88 and 2 for 42
First Test—4 for 58 and 2 for 29
Second Test—3 for 47 and 0 for 17
Third Test—5 for 56 and 6 for 55
Fourth Test—9 for 37 and 10 for 53
Total—51 for 454

ONE MORE RECORD

Yet one more record for the record books, this was the First Test match between England and Australia played at Old Trafford to end in a definite result since 1905 and also the first time that England have ever triumphed there against the men from down under.

When play recommenced this morning the Australian total stood at 84 for two wickets with Macdonald and Craig the not out batsmen. Play started 10 minutes late but when the match was resumed, the wicket played decidedly and easily and gave some of the bowlers the slightest encouragement.

May switched his attack and even brought Oakman on to bowl, but without effect. Both Macdonald and Craig survived and played well and cautiously.

The cricket was perhaps not of the most attractive, but the crowd followed the down struggle with keen interest. Lunch was taken with the score at 112 for two, and only 28 runs had been added in 140 minutes of play. But runs were unimportant and what mattered for Australia

was that they had lost no further batsmen.

As soon as play began after the interval, Laker spilled danger for the Australian batsmen. His second ball set up viciously and Macdonald, only just through his bat in time.

For ten minutes the Australians resisted, then disaster set in and four wickets crashed for the addition of only 18 runs. First Craig was leg-before, then Mackay, Archer and Miller followed in quick succession, all three falling to score.

Benaud then came out to join Macdonald and playing well they took the total to 181 at tea without further loss. Well as Laker bowled the Australian batsmen themselves must bear much of the blame for their amazing collapse.

The wicket was giving the spin bowlers some help, but the menace that Laker presented was largely psychological, that made the Australians look upon his every delivery with near frantic apprehension. Lock, who bowled from both sides, was not able to capture a wicket all day.

NEAR VENOMOUS

During tea the sun came out again, the afternoon having been mainly cloudy, and after the tea break the wicket, which had been far from easy since lunch, became near venomous.

Laker spun two balls so viciously that they beat bat, stumps and wicket-keepers to fly to the boundary for four byes. In face of such bowling, no side could have resisted for long. With the second ball after tea, Laker had Macdonald caught by Oakman on the leg side, and that was virtually the end.

Benaud and Lindwall managed to hold out for some 20 minutes, but at 5.30 the match ended when Laker claimed Macdoakes leg-before-wicket as his tenth victim of the innings and the 19th of the match. It was Jim Laker who led the England team into the pavilion to the tumultuous and merited applause of the spectators.

Adjectives fail one in attempting to describe the magnificence of Laker's performance, following upon England's fine batting performance on Friday and Saturday, the rain did fail to rob them of their great chance of victory.

Today, with the wicket playing easily for so long, only a truly magnificent piece of bowling would have sufficed to keep the Australian batsmen continuously on their guard and finally break through.

Laker never let up for a moment. With perfect length and extracting all the help he could

from this wicket, he bowled his side to victory and the certainty of retaining the Ashes—whatever be the results of the Oval Test—until the 1958/59 series in Australia. For Australia, it must be a sobering thought that the Fifth and final Test will be played on the famous Oval ground, the home pitch of Jim Laker who today bowled them to destruction.

THE SCOREBOARD

England 1st Innings 459	
Australia 1st Innings 84	
Australia 2nd Innings	
Macdonald, c Oakman, b Laker	89
Burke, c Lock, b Laker	33
Harvey, c Cowdrey, b Laker	0
Craig, lbw b Laker	38
K. Mackay, c Oakman, b Laker	0
Laker	0
K. Miller, c Laker	0
R. Archer, c Oakman, b Laker	0
R. Benaud, b Laker	18
R. Lindwall, c Lock, b Laker	8
I. W. Johnson, not out	1
L. Macdoakes, lbw b Laker	2
Extras	16

Total 205
Fall of wickets, 3/114, 4/124, 5/130, 6/130, 7/181, 8/198, 9/203.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bailey	20	8	31	0
Statham	16	9	15	0
Laker	51.2	23	53	10
Lock	55	30	33	0
Oakman	8	3	21	0

—France-Press.

LRC Annual Tennis Tourney Championships

The Ladies' Recreation Club will be holding its Annual tennis tournament during the months of September and October, commencing on Monday, September 3. The closing date for entries is August 20.

The events are as follows:—
Hongkong Colony Open Championships

Ladies' Singles; Ladies' Doubles; Mixed Doubles; Ladies' Plate.

For Club Members only: Ladies' Singles—Open and Handicap; Men's Singles—Open and Handicap; Ladies' Doubles—Open and Handicap; Men's Doubles—Open and Handicap; Mixed Doubles—Open and Handicap.

Men's Inter-Hong Handicap Challenge Cup: Any member of couples from each Firm, Company or Department may enter. Only one need be a member of the Club.

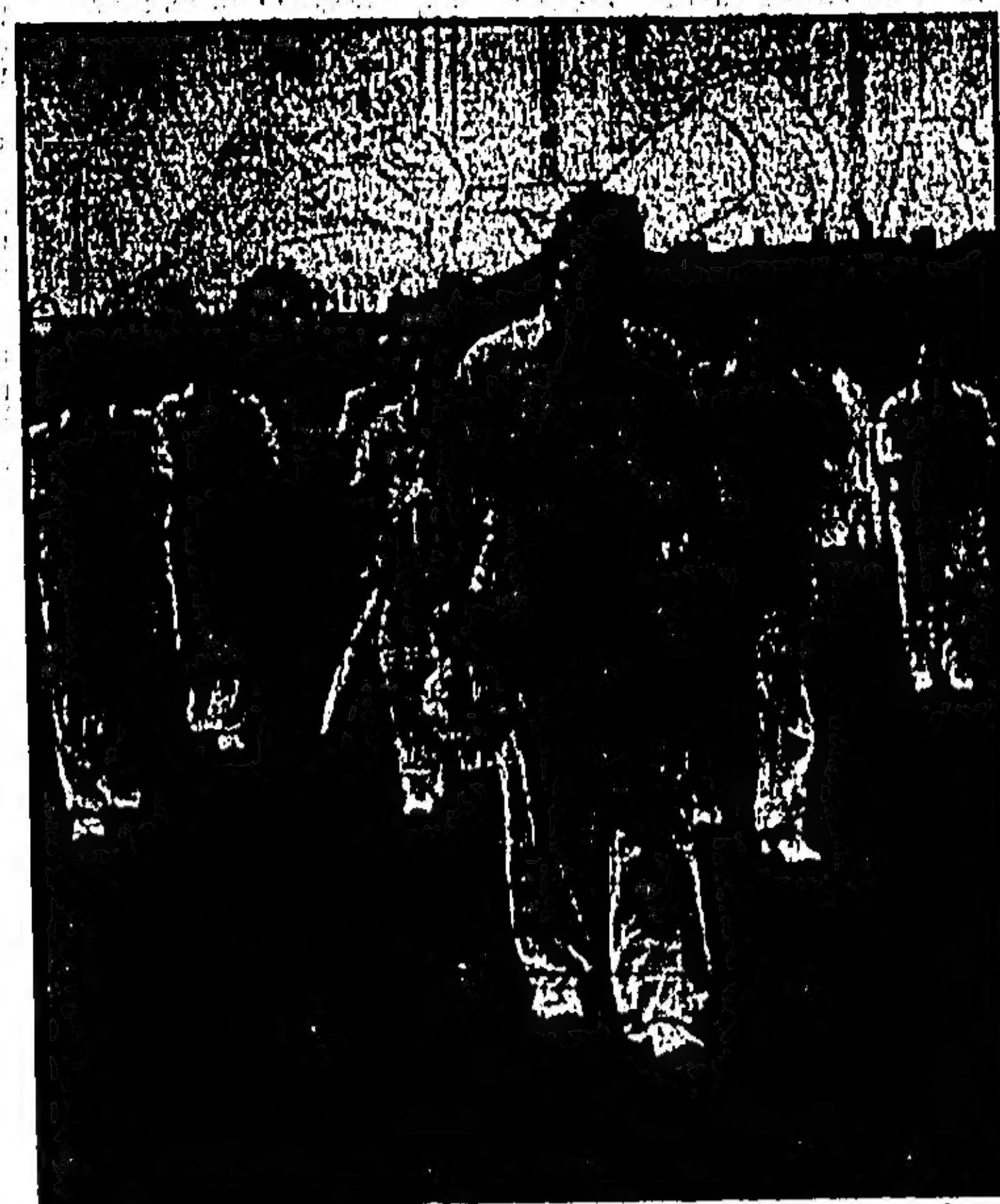
Matador Wins Stewards Cup In Photo Finish

Goodwood, Sussex, July 31.
Matador, a three-year-old colt running in the colours of the late Mr John E. Ferguson, won the six furlong Stewards Cup in a photo finish here today.

He beat Epoulette, owned by South African Jack Gerber, by a neck.

Mr A. C. Cockburn's Cockrillish was three-quarters of a length further away, third.

Twenty-four ran. — China Mail Special.



Jim Laker — he made Test history.

SURREY RIDES ON TOP OF COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE WITH 144 POINTS

London, July 31.

Surrey, seeking their fifth successive championship victory, went to the top of the English County Cricket Table by beating Essex by 109 runs at the Oval here today.

They now have 144 points from 18 matches. Runners-up Lancashire, who were without a game in the current programme, have the same number of points from 19 matches.

Yorkshire's match against Glamorgan was completely washed out by rain, and they drifted back from third to fourth. Northamptonshire, who took first innings points off Sussex, moved up to third with 112 points, four more than Yorkshire.

Surrey's win over Essex—their eleventh of the season—was all the more meritorious in view of the absence of Jim Laker, Tony Lock and Peter May, who were at Manchester helping England retain the Ashes. The Bodor twins, Alec and Eric, took five second innings wickets between them and spinner Derek Pratt claimed three for 34. Essex lost their last four wickets for one run.

THEIR THIRD WIN

Kent recorded their third win of the season by beating Somerset by nine wickets in extra time. Stand-off 180 in 157 minutes from left-hander Bob Wilson (103) and Arthur Pheby (80) was Kent's best of the season.

Gloucestershire were helped to a 131 runs win over Worcestershire at Bristol by left-arm spinner Cecil Cook, who took seven for 27 in 31 overs today and finished with a match analysis of ten for 85.

George Tribe, Northamptonshire's Australian all-rounder, failed by only 40 runs to reach the coveted double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets by the end of July. The feat has not been performed by the end of July since 1933, when James Langridge of Sussex completed the double on July 25.

Tribe, who has achieved the double in each of his four previous seasons with Northamptonshire, reached his 100 wickets yesterday. A blank day on Saturday curtailed him to one innings in the match against Sussex. Needing 102 for his 1,000 runs when Northamptonshire started their second innings, he hit the Sussex bowling with power and reached 62 in minutes with two sixes and eight boundaries. Then, needing 40 in the last 20 minutes, his innings was ended by a magnificent running catch on the boundary when another six seemed certain.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Colwyn Bay: Lancashire beat North Wales by seven wickets. North Wales 193 and 15 for six declared. Lancashire 182 for eight declared (Ram-

INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON

Thai Shuttlers Beat Strong Indonesian Side With 3-2 Win

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, July 31.

Thailand's badminton stars today beat a strong Indonesian side by three matches to two to win the Selangor Badminton Association's President's Cup.

Both teams took part in the Selangor International Badminton Championships.

The Thais trailed 2-1 at one stage, but they fought back hard to win the last two doubles event to the cheers of a crowd of 1,500.

In the deciding game, Thailand's Champion Sunthorn Suphaphun and Kamol Satvanit beat Eddie Yusuf and Tan Joe-hock of Indonesia 6-15, 15-7, 15-8.

The Thais were erratic and too cautious in the first set. They hardly smashed and were on the defensive.

In the second and third sets, Sunthorn and Kamol began attacking with accurate smashes and graceful lob shots.

In the Women's Singles, Thailand's Pratheung Pattabongse beat Tuloo Side-Kim of Indonesia 11-5, 11-1.

Miss Pattabongse was too good for the Indonesian girl. The young Thai Champion controlled play throughout.

Other results were (Thai names first):
Men's Singles: Derek Khad-jadhye lost to Eddie Yusuf 12-15, 5-15.

Charoen Tetrakul lost to Tan Joe-hock 2-15, 5-15.
Men's Doubles: Tetrakul and S. Uthai beat Tan King-gie and Thiam Beng 5-15, 15-8, 15-5.—Reuter.

German Companies Refuse To Insure Mike Hawthorn

Bonn, July 31.

Mike Hawthorn, one of Britain's top racing drivers, is out of the German Grand Prix auto race to be held on the Nuburg track this Sunday. It was learned here today.

German insurance companies have refused to insure him for the race, counting for the drivers' World Championships. The companies said that Hawthorn had been cautioned twice during the 1,000 Kilo metres race at Nuburg last May for overtaking other racers on the wrong side.

Hawthorn had been included in the Italian Ferrari team.—France-Press.

OLYMPIC SOCCER

Soviet Union Beats Israel 2-1 In Return Match

Tel Aviv, July 31.

The Soviet Union defeated Israel two goals to one, after no score at half-time, in their return match of the pre-Olympic round before 60,000 spectators at Ramatgan stadium here today.

The Soviet Union beat Israel 5-0 in their first match at Moscow and now qualify for the Olympic football tournament at Melbourne.—France-Press.

MY SOCCER TIP—ENGLAND TO BEAT THE WORLD

Says ALAN HOBY

Tuning-up already for the Niagara wave of football which will be launched on England next month is the Master Footballer himself—Stanley Matthews. And who can say the old wizard of Blackpool, now 41½-year-old, won't be good enough for England in the coming season—the season which will prove whether English soccer is right back on top, or whether those dazzling victories over Brazil and Germany were just flash-in-the-pan affairs?

Heaven knows, after our dismal flop at Galt, lawn tennis, and boxing, Britain can do with the boost!

Indeed, the round-the-clock devotion to duty of men like Matthews is a refreshing reminder of what can be done by will-power and determination. Like Len Hutton, Gordon Pirie, and Denis Compton, whose second name should be Courage—not Charles—he sets, as always, a wonderful example to British youth.

A FULLTIME JOB

Most of all, however, I hope that the Matthews lesson has been thoroughly learned by the young footballers of England. Being a champion is a fulltime job. Too often in the past we have had our hopes raised by some spectacular win only to have them dashed to zero by an even more resounding defeat.

Remember the World Cup? Remember those Hungarian hidings? Remember the split-second skills and flamboyant brilliance of those great Rest of Europe sides?

Who could forget? Who but a fool would ever forget that THE WORLD IS INTERESTED ONLY IN WINNERS.

What then of the future? I believe that, with a more generous attitude by the League clubs, plus stepped-up technical training, a glittering opportunity awaits English football.

I believe, too, that the present England team—average age 24½—has both the guts and the gumption to carry on the fine work they began against the Spaniards, Brazilians, and Germans last season.

Above all, I believe that, in the next two years they will

erase past humiliations by becoming champions of the world. The World Soccer Cup will be decided in Sweden in 1958, but to qualify England will have to play Elre and Denmark, home and away, next May.

New look for a moment at the global soccer scene. Although England's forwards still have some way to go before they can equal the astounding anticipation, positions, shooting, and ball control of the 1953 Hungarians, the outlook nevertheless, is bright.

ONLY IN NAME

For the Puskas magic has faded. The Germans are world champions only in name. The Austrian power has waned and a query hovers over the playing quality of the South Americans.

That leaves the Italians, the French—always dangerous—and the Yugoslavs who, headed by their blond forward star Bernard Vukas, play England at Wembley next November.

But the No. 1 enemy is undoubtedly Russia—the scorching favourite to win the World Cup in Stockholm.

At a British Embassy party in Moscow last summer, when Wolves visited the Soviet capital, I had a long chat with two of the Red stars, Igor Netto and Sergei Salnikov.

These two footballers rank among the world's best—and from what I saw of their play and what they told me, they mean business!

But why should Britain be afraid of the Russians? Indeed, why shouldn't we beat them? We have some platinum-plated socks of our own.

These include an inspiring captain in Billy Wright, good for several more years, a magnificent half-back line, and probably the best defence in Europe. We also have a highly mettlesome crop of young men who combine skill with spirit.

Outstanding among these are Johnny Haynes, 21-year-old architect of the attack, and 19-year-old Duncan Edwards, of Manchester United.

Duncan, who plays left half in the old-fashioned attacking style, is the authentic "tough guy."

Yet, for all his strength, he is a wonderful footballer, with ball control equal to anything the South Americans or Hungarians can produce.

Here—provided they keep their heads—are the young key-men of England.

NUDGING GREATNESS

Others nudging greatness are right back left half, right-half Ronnie Clayton, left-winger Colin Grainger, and centre-forward Tommy Taylor.

England, however, still needs another class inside-forward. What a pity John Charles is a Welshman!

Outside right? This brings me back to Ince, Stanley Matthews, while England should certainly get on with the job of grooming a younger man for the right wing berth, Stanley—I maintain—should still play there on the really big occasions.

Wisely used, and carefully hoarded, the genius of Stanley Matthews can prove the decisive factor on the international field for another two seasons. Ask the Brazilians!

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THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



The Rev. D. S. Sheppard bowled by Archer after making 115 in England's first innings at Manchester.
—Central Press Photo.

PROFESSIONALS NOT WELCOME

SUGGESTION TO THROW OPEN WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS THROWN OUT BY LTA

By ARCHIE QUICK

The Lawn Tennis Association will not entertain the suggestion that the famous Wimbledon Championships be thrown open to professionals. Lt. Col. Macauley, Secretary of the Association, told me point blank, "The proposal has been discussed as a result of a movement by two or three County Associations, but it was unequivocally thrown out. I do not think it will be resurrected for a while."

Fred Perry, crusader in many fields of sport, thinks the LTA have blundered. "This year's Wimbledon," he said, "was the least interesting for years. Lew Hoad won on his merits but he has been beaten three times since, and that should never happen to a Singles Champion."

"Shirley Fry is a nice girl and a good player but she does not compare with the Wimbledon Singles champions of the past. No, the Championships were featureless, without any outstanding personalities and there seem to be no new exciting faces coming along, unless it is among the English girls."

Perry went on to say that the Championships need a shot in the arm, which the professionals could supply. "Have a 'Mixed' Championship by all means," he continued, "but make it a free affair in every way. Just think, Jack Kramer won the Singles & Doubles at Wimbledon, yet since he has turned pro, Perry's Gonzales has beaten him."

MIXED TOURNAMENT

Perry said, "Lawn Tennis popularity has suffered through the flatness of this year's Wimbledon. What about turning the professionals and amateurs loose and holding a United States Great Britain-Australia mixed tournament? We could have them all in then. Gonzales-Kramer, Schröder-Patty, Budge-Hoad, Rosewall-Melosh, Segura-Mottman-Larson-Hamilton—even myself, to make up a baker's dozen."

Perry's suggestion is a continental one, but he is not to be confused with exhibition games. He has come a long way since I first knew him as an ambitious member of the Ealing Green Club, just after he had won his first Middlesex Championship. Now he lives in Los Angeles, owns a lawn tennis club and considerable other property. A rich man indeed. He talks with a nasal twang and in the American idiom but these are not as strong as one would expect from a man of long residence in the States. "I would love to come back to England to die," he told me, "but there is a little thing called money that beckons me away."

When the promoters of the first ever International match between the professional golfers of Great Britain and the Commonwealth conceived the idea of such a fixture it was the height of the thoughts in the minds of the home players with much-needed singles and four-somes match-play in what was virtually a Ryder Cup trial. But there the system broke down.

For some unknown reason they chose Princes Club, Sandwich, where, wonderful as it is, clubhouse, fairways and greens, is just about the most remote course that can be found in these Isles. It is over three miles from the nearest railway station, except for a few millionaires' houses there is no habitation, and it is almost inaccessible to all but car owners.

The result was that despite the presence of Open Champion Peter Thomson, ex-Open Champion Bobby Locke and Max Faulkner and the cream of the Empire's paid exponents there was but a handful of spectators for both days' play. It was fantastic to see hard-hitting Harry Weir defeat Norman Van Nida far out in the country. Max Faulkner did the same thing to Thomson, Sid Scott, Christie O'Connor and skipper Dai Rees inflicted similar wide margin defeat on the invaders and then walked back to the clubhouse far distastefully alone.

TOO MANY TABLETS

I met Weirman on the way without a companion, and although he had beaten Van Nida six and five he said he had not slept for three nights, but had taken too many tablets the night before and did not really wake up after twelve hours in bed until the sixth day. As for Van Nida, whose last appearance was in Great Britain it was, he reduced the tournament to the farcical by having his match brought forward to first place and then starting the second round forty minutes before schedule so that he could catch the night plane to Australia. He is homesick.

Faulkner was in tremendous form on the field of battle, but he was not in the same form as he was in the first round of the Men's Singles in the Scarborough professional tennis tournament today. The score was 6-1, 6-0, 6-2, 6-4.

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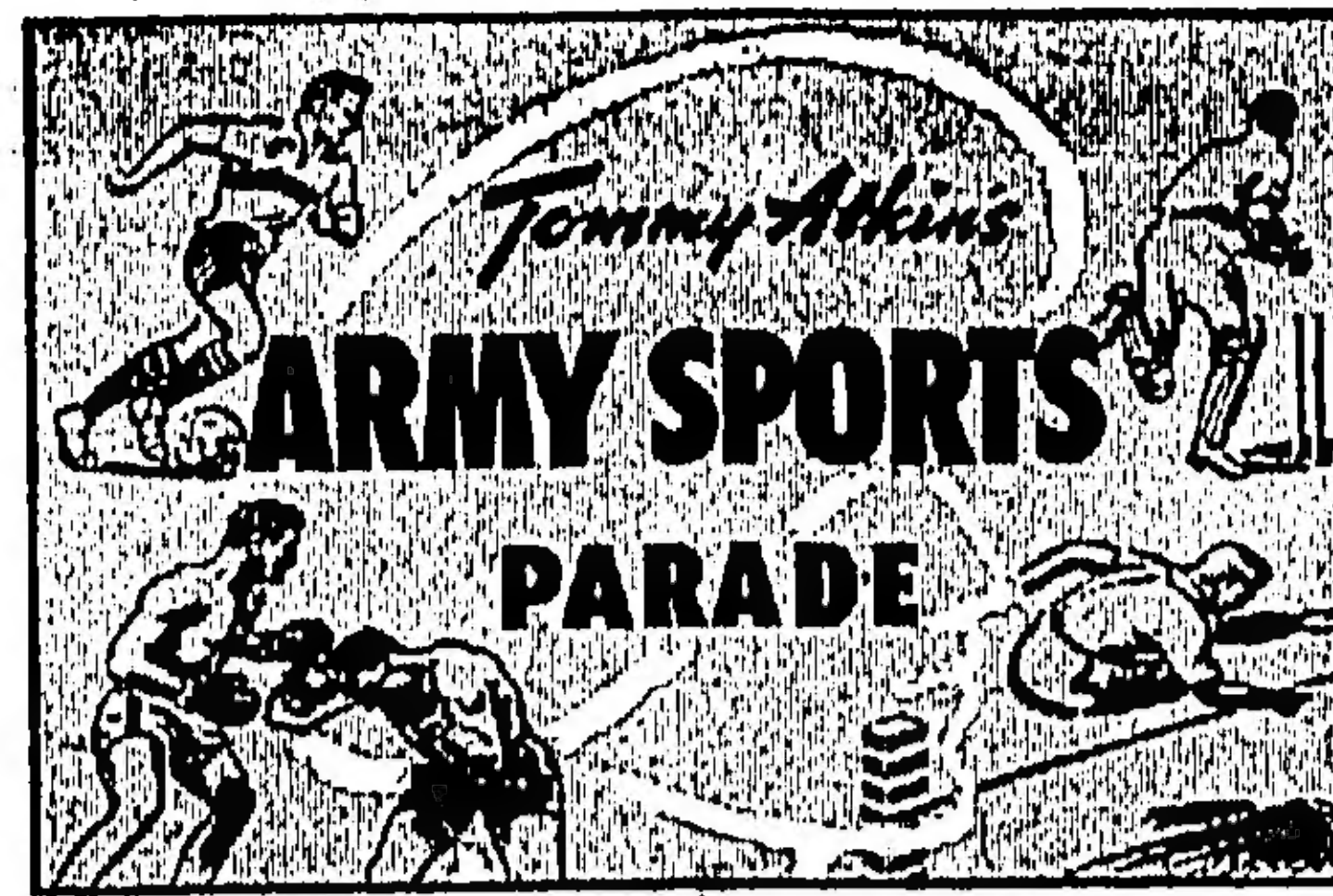
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This week we use the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade to pay compliment to the 1st Bn The King's Own Royal Regiment who are due to leave the Colony in the near future.

During its sojourn here this grand old regiment has made a large and lasting contribution to the sporting affairs of the Army in Hongkong and also to the wider sphere of Colony sport.

These enthusiasts who find their enjoyment on or around the rugby field will not easily forget the sporting and enthusiastic support the regiment has given to the game. Many brilliant players have sported Army and Colony colours as well as the familiar ones of the King's Own. They have claimed their many successes gracefully, but when they found that disappointment was their lot they were always ready to pay full tribute to their conquerors. Colony rugby will miss the virile influence of players and unit alike.

The regiment made a generous effort to give full support to the heavy demands of the Army soccer team during the two winter seasons it was in Hongkong. The Chinese teams who through the Colony stadiums took the brunt of the brilliant ball control of little Billy Holston who was in the Colony representative side within weeks of his arrival from Korea, and whose delightful personality and ready smile won him friends wherever he played.

That was two seasons ago and his regimental team mates Wallace and Wainwright were also players who played regularly in Army and other representative teams.

A BIG GAP

The departure of these players left a big gap, but last season the regiment again had three players who had their share of the limelight. White had a spell of brilliant play and claimed several Colony honours before fading right out of the picture, while Egerton and McLaughlin were also regular Army and Combined Services players.

In swimming and water polo the King's Own were also powerful to be reckoned with when the honours were at stake, and once again they made a generous contribution to the powerful Army North water polo team.

They were also active in cricket and in the field of athletics with Alan Smith and Jack Hightway two well-known names, while in Army and Colony boxing they provided a steady stream of men who could hold their own against the best in this part of the world. Several of the boxers deserve mention, but I am sure none of them will feel slighted if I say just a word or two about Pte Jones, as fine a lightweight as we have had the pleasure of watching here in a long time.

The strange thing about Jones was the controversy which surrounded several of the verdicts which went against him. When ever local boxing folks get together you can be sure that eventually the fantastic verdict which went against him in last season's Colony Championships will come up for discussion.

One person remained above such discussion—that was Jones himself, and in spite of the many hectic scraps in which he engaged he emerged the perfect little sportsman, even if he didn't always emerge the winner. If he didn't always get the verdict, he must surely be one of the very few boxers who have been awarded a personal cup as a token of the high standard of sportsmanship he always showed in the ring.

WORTHILY EARNED

When the members of the 1 Bn King's Own Royal Regiment embark for home in the near future they will take with them the very best wishes of sportsmen in every sport in every corner of the Colony. These good wishes, and the respect which they imply have been well and worthily earned. The story is not, however, one-sided.

Medical Officer Available For Pirie's Asking

Gordon Pirie has been told by British athletic team manager Jack Crump that the Board's medical officer is available if he wanted to see him. This has been interpreted in some quarters as a hint because of worry over Pirie's fitness for the Olympic Games in Melbourne. After turning an exhibition half-mile in 1 min. 56.7 sec., Pirie said: "My leg is still not quite right. I am not running freely. I'll see how things go and perhaps try it out again soon."

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

THE BEST BOY AND MAN SCREEN TEAM SINCE COOPER AND BEERY?

By RON BURTON

Old-timers who are a little sad about the younger generation not having been exposed to the man-and-boy screen team of Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper may take heart in some current casting.

Warner Brothers decided to pair Walter Brennan and Brandon de Wilde in "Good-bye, My Lady." The results, according to director William Wellman, were expected to be good, but they came out so well that the director thinks he may have found the best boy-and-man team since Beery-Cooper.

"It's too bad the boy is going into retirement after this one," Wellman said. "After the public sees him and Brennan, they'll realize the two are a wonderful combination and will want to see more of them."

PHIL HARRIS, TOO

It's a toss-up, Wellman said, as to whether the Brennan-de Wilde duo will generate more audience tears than the earlier team. In any event, there should be a large number of misty eyes in the house at the very least. The director is also happy about another pleasant surprise in the film.

"You know Phil Harris, of course," he said. "I know his previous reputation doesn't exactly make one think of a dramatic actor, but people are going to be surprised when they see him. I think the role he has may open up a whole new field of work for him."

Harris plays the part of a very tough, hard village businessman. But he has the all-saying streak of tenderness necessary for a sympathetic character. And, according to Wellman, he really carries it off.

A host of a national TV programme for children says that "being yourself" is the easiest way to get along with children. Genial, friendly Jimmie Dodd, master of ceremonies for Walt Disney's "Mickey Mouse Club," knows how to get along with children. He has to charm not only millions of them on the television screen but also 24 youthful performers on the show itself.

"The 'Mousketeers,' as they're known, and Dodd get along famously. Dodd thinks it's because he treats them as persons and doesn't assume tactics many people use when they suddenly realize they're dealing with children."

"Of course, you've got to like children," Dodd said. "Most people do, but so many of them adopt different personalities when talking or working with kids."

"You'd wonder, perhaps, why you were getting a minimum response." The red-haired singer-composer-musician said that his performers may be a little more shrewd and worldly than their non-professional contemporaries. This, however, doesn't necessarily mean that only sharper kids see through an adult who's trying to put himself on a child's level.

"My relations with the Mousketeers are friendly, and we treat each other with respect," he said. "Sure, I'm boss, and they know it, but that doesn't keep me from listening to them and discussing things in which they're interested."

Dodd is very proud of his talented bunch. He extends his affection for children into

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Broken Arm May Lose Surtees His Big Chance

John Surtees, the 22-year-old London racing motor cyclist, freely tipped as successor Geoff Duke as World Champion, may lose his big chance this year because of a broken arm. Surtees fell and broke his right arm in Belgium recently. Surtees is leading the overall standings in the 500cc class for the world championship. There are two more events which count toward the title.

There is also apparently a feeling that some of the most powerful teams who have played in the Minor Units League in recent years should be given the option to play with the big regimental teams if they so desire.

The AGM is usually an interesting affair but if the whippers prove to be reliable it could be doubly so this year. . . . and healthy and open discussion is all for the general good of Army football.

If you are at a loose end this afternoon and would like to see some entertaining swimming I can recommend a visit to the Victoria Pool where 15 Medium Regiment, RA, are staging their annual gala. A very full programme has been arranged, and there is an evening 4 x 1 Lengths Open Relay, scheduled for ten minutes to four. Looks good.

neighbourhood and church youth activities. "Kids themselves are the most wonderful show in the world," he said, "and anyone who hasn't taken the time to learn this has missed something. I feel sorry for them."

Not long ago a film troupe almost as large as the population of Benoit, Miss.,—400—invaded the town. The local people were enlisted players and extras in a big-time movie by a man few there had ever heard of.

They enjoyed working in it and taking directions from Ella Kazan, who seemed to emanate tremendous confidence in their ability to do exactly what he wanted them to do. They now are looking forward to seeing themselves in his movie without fully realizing that it is likely to be one of the most important films of 1956, if Kazan's record is any indication.

Few of them have seen "On The Waterfront," the Kazan picture that won the 1954 Oscar as best film, his earlier "Streetcar Named Desire" and his most recent, "East of Eden," which earned important honours. Kazan's latest is called "Baby Doll," and, following the Kazan formula, it is earthy and real. It has no stars of note, just a story intended to shake you up and a striking new leading lady as temptress as she is voluptuous.

The actress is Carroll Baker. She was first discovered by director George Stevens who gave her a supporting role in his latest, "Giant," then Kazan got hold of her and handed her the title role in his new project.

Kazan filmed some scene in the streets of Benoit, but the primary location was an old plantation one and one-half miles away. When shooting there was completed, Kazan took his company to New York rather than Hollywood to complete the picture on a sound-stage.

Filming went on at a studio in Brooklyn where the entire second floor and the attic of the old Burns plantation house were reproduced. Another set was the reproduction of Bill's Cafe in Benoit which was populated with Benoit folk specially flown to New York for the scenes filmed there.—United Press.

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FOR AMATEURS

Babe Zaharias Trophy For Annual Award

Galveston, Texas, July 31.

Babe Zaharias, the woman athlete whose exploits over a quarter-century made her a sports immortal, today announced the creation of a Babe Didrikson Zaharias Trophy.

The award will be made annually to the American amateur woman athlete who "by performance, character and good example, did most for women's sports during the year."

The Babe, fighting her third battle with cancer, announced the tribute to women athletes from her bed at Johns Sealy Hospital through her husband, ex-wrestler George Zaharias.

The trophy, expected to rank in importance with the Sullivan Award which goes annually to the country's outstanding amateur athlete, will be the only one especially for women.—United Press.

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Britain's Moss Beats Pakistani In First Round

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Thai Rugby Team To Tour Malaya And Singapore

Singapore, July 31.
The Thai national Rugby team was expected to tour Malaya and Singapore late in November or early December, an official of the Singapore Rugby Union said today.

Mr A. G. Mackenzie told the annual general meeting of the SRU the Thais would play their annual interport match against an All Malaya team, for the King of Siam Cup which the Malaysians won at Bangkok last year.

The programme for the Thai team's visit to Malaya would be drawn up at a meeting of the Malayan Rugby Union at Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, Mr Mackenzie said.—Reuters.

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STAND-BY ORDERS TO FORCES

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Foreign ministers, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd and M. Christian Pineau, is expected to be the calling of a conference of marshalling powers to consider the setting up of an international authority to run the Suez waterway.

The conference would propose to Egypt that such an authority should replace at present it to company managing the canal.

16 Nations

Egypt itself and Russia are unlikely to be invited to this conference. It is believed that representation at the meeting to be held shortly, may be limited to the 16 nations in the International Chamber of Shipping.

These are Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

The International Chamber of Shipping made up of the National Shipping Associations is meeting in London tomorrow to discuss the Suez situation.

ARMED ROBBERY

Two Chinese, armed with knives, kidnapped another man in the Victoria Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, at 12.30 a.m. today. The man, who was returning home, was relieved of cash and property to the total value of \$384.

Death Of Refugee

The funeral of the late Mrs. Klavdia Sherstennikoff, who died on July 30 in Kowloon Hospital at the age of 71, took place this morning at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley.

The Rev. Fr. D. Uspensky of the Russian Orthodox Church officiated.

The late Mrs. Sherstennikoff, a refugee under the care of United Nations Refugee Office, survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ksenia Tolok, 82, and Mrs. Chernoff, 54, who are in San Francisco.

Approximately 30 friends attended the funeral.

Wreaths were sent by the Staff of the United Nations Refugee Office (Hong Kong), the World Council of Churches, and the management of the Metropolitan Rest House.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rumour Denied

Sir, I notice in yesterday's issue of your esteemed paper, under the heading "Engagement Rumoured", a photograph of Miss King, daughter of the Belgian Consulate, and another one of Princess Isabelle of France with the explanation that "the engagement is expected to be announced shortly" between His Majesty and the Princess.

I have to let you know, for your information and that of your readers, that the aforesaid rumour is without foundation whatsoever.

H. DE ROMREE DE VICHENET, Consul General of Belgium.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Legacies Of Misery & Confusion Left By Floods

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, July 26.

The floods that swept Australia during recent weeks have left some remarkable legacies of misery and confusion, particularly in country areas, where the full effects of the swirling waters were felt.

The loss of human life has fortunately been slight, that of houses severe. Sheep have been lost in thousands and even now it is impossible to estimate the extent of the damage.

Some estimates place the losses of sheep as high as 175,000.

But the losses will be higher as the weakened animals will not have very strong powers of resistance to diseases that are already beginning to ravage them.

In the circumstances the action of the Acting Prime Minister, Sir Arthur Fadden in refusing to extend aid to the flooded western district has come as a nasty shock.

RAAF planes have been dropping fodder to sheep and cattle in the Moree district.

Sir Arthur Fadden was asked to extend the fodder drop to flood-bound sheep in the Comandale, Breckwarrina, Gooding, Cardinia and North Wyalgah areas. Sir Arthur, however, replied that the Commonwealth was not prepared to consider making further RAAF aircraft available until all available civil aircraft have been taken up.

"Sir Arthur's decision is incomprehensible," Mr. Renshaw, State Minister for Transport said. "To confine the fodder drop to Moree is illogical and discriminatory."

"Sir Arthur says that the fodder drop for the Moree area is being provided free because of particular circumstances. If anything, the circumstances of some of the northwestern areas are more acute than around Moree."

BOGGED DOWN

Down in the southern part of New South Wales, 50 yards of muddy road has stranded and bogged down 150 northbound trucks at Holbrook and 300 southbound trucks at Tarcutta.

This was the only highway these heavy trucks were allowed to use. Drivers were liable to a fine of £100 if they disobeyed the ban and used other roads.

For some weeks now, the Main Roads Department has been working two shifts of men to get the roads open.

The Army offered to come to the aid of the Main Roads Dept but was told that there was no room for them to work on the road.

Meantime the truck men grew restless, sitting about waiting for the signal to move on.

Their trucks have been parked along the roads in the surrounding towns.

Some of the cargoes have been hides and vegetables and residents have not appreciated the aroma.

One truck driver with hides as his cargo was asked to move from one town into the surrounding country.

DRIVERS' THREAT
After a time the patience of the truck men wore thin and they threatened to crash the road block.

The NSW Government at first alarmed at this projected action, informed the police, who checked the men though a couple of trucks broke through only to meet with accidents.

Police Superintendent W. Hargrave, who is in charge of the Riverina area, has been in constant touch with the drivers and police at the stretch of damaged highway.

Police said, "The men are naturally exasperated, but their problem is entirely an engineering one. The heavy rains have made the soil so sloppy that the road surface has broken up on top of it."

"It is quite impossible for trucks over five tons in weight to travel over the road without smashing through it."

"Main Roads Board's officers and police are doing all they can to help."

"An attempt to force a way through would be about as sensible as a man trying to swim to England if there was no ship."

No additional police have been sent to Holbrook or Tarcutta. The behaviour of the men in the towns had been orderly.

Many of the drivers sent for their wives, who took over the cooking.

Local women's associations also helped prepare meals, so that in places the scene resembled that of war time.

The president of the Australian Hauliers' Association, Mr. G. K. McColl, said that the Main Roads Department and local shires were keeping the roads closed to hauliers unnecessarily.

He said he would seek legal advice on whether the department and shires were contravening Section 92 of the Constitution by the ban.

This act permits the unrestricted carriage of goods between the states. But Mr. McColl is talking of lot of non-sense.

But the act did not take into account that mud could effectively prevent heavy trucks from making progress over the stretch at Little Billabong.

Billabong is an aboriginal word for water hole or small creek.

This is one billabong that is likely to go down in the transport history of Australia.

WHO'S RIGHT?

During recent weeks, Australians have been told that depression was just around the corner.

A week later, Melbourne business tycoon, Sir Arthur Myers, laughed at the idea of a depression.

The man in the street wondered what all this meant. With higher fares, the losing of the Test match at Leeds, and then this talk of depression the position looked grim.

But then came Professor H. D. Black, Acting Professor of Economics at Sydney University.

Said the Professor, "Australians need not fear a depression because the economy is still basically sound. The nation was passing through an awkward year but the 'underlying' situation is getting a little stronger."

"There are no factors making for mass unemployment at present," Professor Black said.

He said the Government's main task was to restore a domestic balance, so that a measure of the size of the problem of a real balance in the export trade could be obtained.

The Professor described the year 1955-57 as a "time of some awkward adjustments," with increased shipping rates raising costs.

"We cannot be happy whenever we have a cost spiral," he said.

Import restrictions "which do not please anyone," were here for some time.

"But a depression? The Government of the day would do everything in its power to prevent it," Professor Black said.

"I do not think that there is going to be a depression at any time in the foreseeable future."

FOREIGN DOCTORS

The New South Wales Minister for Health, Mr. Sheahan, said that he was preparing a bill for Cabinet adopting a new approach to the problem of foreign doctors.

"I have been examining the position closely and it seems to me that foreign doctors who come here to make their homes could be utilised provided their qualifications are the equivalent of our own and are verified," he said.

Mr. Sheahan was on a tour of inspection of coalfield hospitals.

He said that the shortage of doctors in country areas and the difficulty of getting young doctors to take the position of resident medical officer at equivalent hospitals had set him a difficult problem.

"It is a fact that graduates won't go into the country and you cannot force them."

"I have asked that the numbers of young doctors admitted to the metropolitan hospitals should be reduced."

He said he regarded the new syllabus for nurses as too harsh and severe, and was approaching the proper authorities to review the syllabus in the light of the objections he had received from every hospital that he had visited.

"Its effect would be to reduce seriously the number of applicants for the nursing profession," he said.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The new cook is very well read and can carry on a conversation about most anything! By the way, dinner will be a little bit late!"

Police Had To Break Down Door

Further Police evidence regarding a raid on a flat in Homunth Street where was found 10½ ounces of heroin and 19 grammes of crude morphine besides various pieces of equipment, was given in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Two men and a woman are before Judge H. H. B. Row, charged with possession and manufacturing drugs. They are Lui Kwong-keung, alias Lui Cheung-lun, 50, Chinese doctor, Ng Kam-wah, alias Ng Liu, 45, unemployed, and Yuen Mei, 87, a widow. They pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Lui pleaded guilty to a third charge of possession of crude morphine.

The accused are represented by Mr. K. Y. Yung of J. Zimmerman and Co., and Mr. M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

RUNNING FEET

Telling of the raid on the night of June 11, Det. Ip Shing said that they had to break down the door at 3 Homunth Street, top floor. Before the Police entered the flat they heard the noise of running feet.

Ip said that when he entered the flat he saw the two accused men running into a bedroom. He ran after them and managed to catch hold of the left arm of the second accused, Ng, just inside the room.

He then saw Ng throw something away with his right hand into a wardrobe. It was a towel mark.

He told the accused not to move and then called to Insp. Askew who picked up the mask.

The first accused was caught by another detective by the bed.

The trial is proceeding.

Sneak Thieves Busy

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Charged With Murdering His Wife

Private Raymond Frederick Shepherd, 26, of the Army Catering Corps, attached to Lyemman Barracks, appeared before Miss B. K. Searle at Kowloon Court this morning on a charge of murder.

Shepherd was alleged to have killed his wife, Irene May Shepherd, on or about July 31 at Room 309, Melbourne Apartments, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

Shepherd was remanded three days in Police custody on the application of Inspector J. Bodie.

Partner Denies He Had Authority

Peter Choo, partner of the Shun Hing Construction Co., denied this morning at the conspiracy and corruption trial that he had more authority in the company than what he had told the Court in evidence.

Choo, a Prosecution witness, was replying to questions by Mr. Patrick Yu, representing first accused, Chau Chung-sung, 38, the construction company's managing partner, at the Victoria District Court.

The other two accused are Major Donald Peachey, 47, and Capt. Harry Curtis, 40, both of the Royal Engineers.

Mr. Yu suggested to witness that he had far more authority in the firm than what he had told the Court. Denying this, Choo said that because it had been agreed that Chau should give him half the profits of the company, Chau retained control of the firm.

Choo said that, so far, Chau only promised to let him see the accounts, but he had never been able to see them. Witness added that he was not interested in the accounts in themselves, but he wanted to know the exact position as regards profit and loss.

SHOWN TAX RETURNS

So far, witness continued, Chau had not told him whether the company had been making money or not.

Replying to a suggestion that he did in fact know whether the firm was making profits, Choo said he only knew this according to the tax returns. Choo showed them to him.

Counsel told witness he had said that Chau never told him if the company had any profits, but that on some occasions he would show him some tax returns showing a profit.

Mr. Yu asked witness if his previous statements that first accused never told him if there were any profits was correct. Choo replied that Chau never showed him the exact position of the accounts.

Witness denied that in the latter part of 1954, Chau turned over all the company's account books to him.

He denied further that he was the person who gave all the instructions in the running of the company.

Soldier Took Over Taxi From Driver

FINE IMPOSED

Private R. W. H. Russell, of the King's Own Royal Regiment, was fined \$300 by Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to two charges of driving a motor vehicle without a valid licence and without being covered by a third party risk insurance.

The prosecution arose out of an incident which took place on Tate's Cln, a road leading to Kowloon Peak from Diamond Hill in the early morning of July 27.

It was alleged that Russell hailed a taxi in Nathan Road at 3 a.m., July 27, and asked to be driven to Kowloon Peak. About half way up the radiator became hot and the car was stalled. The driver refused to go further because of foggy weather and he turned around to go down the hill, but the defendant took over control and started up again. The vehicle met with accident causing extensive damage to the car.

IGNORED PROTEST

In imposing sentence, Mr. Morris said: "The defendant has no doubt by now realised the serious nature of these two offences. Despite protest from the driver of the taxi, the defendant urged him to drive to the summit of these very steep and dangerous hills. It was extremely dark at the time and the whole area was covered in a thick fog."

"The driver being apprehensive, refused to do so and when a little later the opportunity presented itself to defendant he took complete control and attempted to drive the vehicle himself with the most disastrous consequences."

"In recording a conviction against the defendant on both charges, he is fined \$150 or 14 days on each charge."

On the question of compensation, which was brought up by the taxi owner, Mr. Morris advised the owner to take civil action.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 8 p.m. Time Signal and programme Summary: 8.05, Luckey, Dick, Laster's Requests presented by Margherita; 7.30, Your Radio Concert Hall—Berlioz (separately) with Howard Barlow Chorus and Orchestra; 7.30, "Time for Jazz" with Robin Day; 7.40, "Weekend Report"; 7.45, "Time Signal and the News"; 8.00, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 8.15, Evening Stars—The World's Rivers; 8.30, Columbia Salon Orchestra; 9.00, Time Signal; Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews in the new musical play "My Fair Lady"; Adapted from Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" by Alan J. Lerner, Music by Frederick Loewe. With Stanley Holloway, Robert Cook and the cast of the original Broadway Production; 10.00, Goodnight Music; 10.30, "More of Les—Les Elgar and his Danco Orchestra"; 10.55, Weather Report; 11.00, Time Signal; 11.05, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3.00, Wednesday Concert—(Entire programme devoted to the works of Beethoven) "King Stephen" Overture by Frederick Loewe; Op. 31, No. 3; "Concerto No. 3 in C-minor for Piano and Orchestra"; 4.00, "The World's Rivers"; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 5.00, Children's Corner—Conducted by Alan J. Lerner; 5.30, Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.25, Birthday Melody; 7.00, Men Behind the Wall; 7.15, The Black Tent; 7.30, "Coke Time"; 7.45, "The Final Year—The Story of a Mother's Courage"; 8.00, Time Signal and the News; 8.05, Weather Report; 8.15, "More of Les—Les Elgar and his Danco Orchestra"; 8.30, Diamond Mile Show; 8.45, Around Hongkong—Rediffusion takes listeners on a word-picture tour of the Hongkong Telephone Co.; 9.30, Topick, Write the end and Tell it; 10.00, From Here; 10.30, Music from the Champagne Room; 11.00, Jumpy Jumpy and Jumpy; 11.15, "More of Les—Les Elgar and his Danco Orchestra"; 11.30, "Fugade to Midnight"; 12.00, "God Save the Queen"; 12.30, Close Down.

WATER STORAGE

The Colony's reservoirs lost ten million gallons of water in the 24-hour period ending at 06.00 clock this morning, when the total storage was 2,700 million gallons.

Consumption yesterday amounted to 37 million gallons and the intake from streams and catchment areas was 27 million gallons.

No rainfall was registered by the Water Authority.



A young man of music who has been around longer than many an older old-timer is Mel Torme. His records have never created a fuss in the hit-parade and he has made no films. He is, however, one of the smoothest and most polished night club performers in the world and his stage appearances leave little or nothing to be desired. He is currently on tour in Britain.

Mel Torme has stated often that if asked to name his favourite singer he would say Frank Sinatra. It is strange to relate that on the other hand Frankie has gone on the record as saying that Torme's disc of "Mountain Greenery" is the first vocal disc to emerge within the past five years.

Although Mel has never appeared in a film so far he has written music for a few, including Disney's "So Dear to My Heart." Now he is hoping that someone in Britain might be interested in offering some sort of suggestion in that respect and he pointed out in a press conference soon after arriving in Britain that he had been acting for longer than he had been singing.

It strikes me that there is a great chance for Britain to show that they can make a star of an American artist as well as the Americans can do the same with some of the British singers.

Incidentally, Mel Torme is only 30 years old. Listen to some of his records when you get the chance. He's good.

NO MORE FAWKES
Humphrey Lyttelton has lost his clarinetist, Wally Fawkes. Wally has been with Humph for nine years, making this partnership just about the longest in British jazz. The reason given for the break-up, according to Wally Fawkes, is that he no longer finds himself able to carry on with his two careers.

In case you don't know what the other one is you should read the Daily Mail and watch for the "Flock" cartoon. That is a Wally Fawkes creation. As we might expect he doesn't intend forsaking his music completely and will sit in with local groups whenever the opportunity offers.

GOING AND COMING

More news of record stars for and from the States. Anna Cogan, singing favourite of Jimmy Edwards and Dick Bentley and all listeners to "Take It From Here" is scheduled to leave soon for America and an appearance on the famous Ed Sullivan TV Show. She is also hoping to appear on the Perry Como programme, one of the biggest of all American shows.

Recently returned from America is Lonnie Donegan, the traditional-band guitarist who made a hit with recordings of American style music. Lonnie admits that it is tough going in the States.

He was interviewed by Max Jones of "Melody Maker" shortly after he returned and one of the things he did notice was the greater amount of work he had to put in during the course of one day.

Five stage shows a day, meaning an attendance at the theatre of nearly twelve hours, and on top of that interviews with disc jockeys to be fitted in at all sorts of odd times.

All in all he found things a little bit difficult and said that he wouldn't like to do it again unless it was made easier.

RECORD REVIEW

"Festival in Costa Rica"—Stanley Black and his Orchestra. This Decca 12" LP should convince quite a few people that you don't have to know the language in order to play the music. Stanley Black, long time BBC musician, has always displayed a tendency towards the Latin-American beat and here we have a fine collection of such tunes played in a manner that would surely delight all South Americans.

The collection includes such classics as "The Mexican Hat Dance", "Siboney", "Margarita", "Andalucia", and "Granada" and all have the authentic sound. The recording quality is very impressive and the arrangements make this a record for those who want to dance as well as those who wish only to listen.

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